E. Bay Publishers Flout Wagner Act

At a strike meeting last Thursday night Oakland newsboys voted unanimously, amidst applause, to continue selling the Western Worker. They passed a resolution to send a letter thanking the Western Worker for its sympathetic handling of the strike news and for its cooperation with the strikers.

It was reported that the newsboys, refusing to sell any of the metropolitan papers, are selling five to six Westerns for every one other paper which they are handling. The strikers voted to boycott the Alameda Times-Star for its anti-CIO attitude.

OAKLAND—Trying to evade both the Wagner Act and the Social Security Act, newspaper publishers told representatives of the striking News Vendors Union, CIO Local 335, at a meeting last Thursday afternoon that they could not recognize a union hiring hall.

The employers are trying to put over the idea that newsboys are "independent business men."

To File Charges

The union gave the employers until noon Friday for a favorable answer, failing in which, it will file charges with the National Labor Relations Board.

No capitalist newspaper has been sold in Oakland since the strike started last Tuesday morning, when the newsboys received word the employers were taking away their bonuses, the largest part of their wages. The "Western" put out a special extra for the newsboys, giving the facts on the strike.

Schools Seabherding

The union discovered the Burbank Jr. High School authorities in Berkeley were releasing children from school to scab on the striking newsboys. Protests were being made to the Berkeley School Board.

Nat Yanish, "Western" reporter, was arrested last Wednesday with five strikers, when questioning scabbing school boys to find out if school authorities told them to scab. Yanish was held for five hours, being questioned by Sgt. Mann and Officer Compton of the Berkeley Police Dept.

"Every member of the CIO is a Russian Jew," declared Mann, in typical Hitlerite style.

Teachers at Willard and Washington Schools, Berkeley, are known to have sent Wm. Garrett and Jean Garrett out as scabs.

Another frame-up against a union newsboy comes in City Hall on June 17, when Roger E. Forget faces trial on charges brought by an East Bay Transit Co. inspector that he sold a transfer with a paper to a woman.

Twenty-five witnesses and the woman herself deny the charges. Aubrey Grossman, attorney, is defending Forget.

The strike ranks remained solid, 300 strong, and spread to outlying sections of Oakland, and into Berkeley and Albany. Papers affected are Oakland Tribune and Post-Enquirer, and San Francisco News, Call-Bulletin, Chronicle, and Examiner.

A Special Page on Memorial Day

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PEOPLE'S CHAMPION OF LIBERTY, PROGRESS AND PEACE

Will You Go to the Press Builders Conference in L. A.?

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TO PICKET FASCIST CONSULATES HERE

Protest Invasion of Spain; Broadcast To Catholics

SAN FRANCISCO — Fernando de los Rios, Spanish Ambassador to the United States, will speak in Scottish Rite Auditorium Sunday, May 30, at 8 p. m., under the auspices of the United Spanish Societies.

His subject will be "Spain's Heroic Democracy."

The Communist Party of San Francisco will organize picketing demonstrations in front of the German and Italian consulates on June 12 at 11 a.m., protesting the invasion of Spain by these fascist countries.

Already in Los Angeles plans had been made by the Communist Party and Young Communist League to picket the Italian consulate Saturday, May 29, at 10:30 a.m., 205 S. Broadway.

The demonstrations will be a send-off to a week of intensive participation by the Party in the state-wide "Spanish Aid Week," June 13 to 20.

In addition to taking part in all united front efforts to raise money and win mass support for Spanish democracy, the San Francisco Communists plan a number of actions under their own direct auspices during the week.

The program includes:

June 10—Open branch and unit meetings with discussion on Spain and the plans for the



DE LOS RIOS

week's effort. Distribution, county-wide, of a leaflet on Spain.

Broadcast to Catholics

June 12—Demonstrations at German and Italian consulates.

June 13—Open air mass meeting, Jefferson Park, 1:30 p.m.

June 14—Open forum on Spain at 20th Assembly District Branch, 364 Third Street.

June 16—Radio Broadcast to Catholic people.

June 17—"Omit-a-Meal." All Party members and sympathizers to contribute cost of ordinary meal to help Spain.

June 19—Open air meetings in various districts.

June 20—Closing affair. A Spanish Fiesta at 121 Haight Street, with program, dancing, food, speakers.

In addition the Communist Party of San Francisco will take part in the state-wide "Tag-Day" on June 19 under the auspices of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, and in the house to house canvassing to collect food and money for Spain on June 20. It will support the mass meeting being held by the Young Communist League Saturday evening, June 19.

An intensive week's activities of a similar character is being outlined by the Los Angeles County Committee and by local organizations of the Party throughout the state.

MOONEY IN HOSPITAL

SAN FRANCISCO — Tom Mooney is in San Francisco County Hospital, suffering from stomach ulcers. Mooney was brought to the hospital on an order from the State Supreme Court.

PEDRO ILA IN 4-HR. STRIKE AT KILLING

4-Hour Walkout in Anger at Murder By Policeman

SAN PEDRO—Because a policeman cold-bloodedly shot and killed William Gregg, 38 year old longshoreman, on Thursday, the ILA in this port walked out in a four hour protest strike Friday.

Gregg was shot dead by Patrolman Reddings, who claimed he shot in "self-defense," and that Gregg was "annoying a girl." Longshoremen know this for a lie, and they realize that Reddings fired without any actual provocation.

Union guards stood reverently at a flowered-surrounded white cross, marking on the spot where Gregg fell. A mass meeting was held by the ILA in Wilmington Bowl Friday morning. Close to 300 longshoremen took part in the protest strike.

HEAR APPEALS ON C. S. CASES

Nora Conklin Will be Paroled Soon

(See Page 2 for News on C. S. Meeting)

The Third District Court of Appeals, Sacramento, will hear oral arguments in the appeal of the Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism defendants on June 9.

Pat Chambers, Martin Wilson, Nora Conklin and Caroline Decker will each be granted three-quarters of an hour at the hearing to argue for reversal of their conviction. Leo Gallagher, attorney for the International Labor Defense, will represent all the others with the exception of Norman Mini.

Of the eight convicted, four remain in prison—Nora Conklin, who is to be paroled late this month; Pat Chambers, Jack Crane and Martin Wilson, due to remain in prison until 1938 unless the Appeal Court sets aside the verdict of the trial court. Delegations representing trade unions and progressive organizations will attend the June 9 Appeal Court hearing at Sacramento.

Hotel Unions Hit Misuse of Fiesta

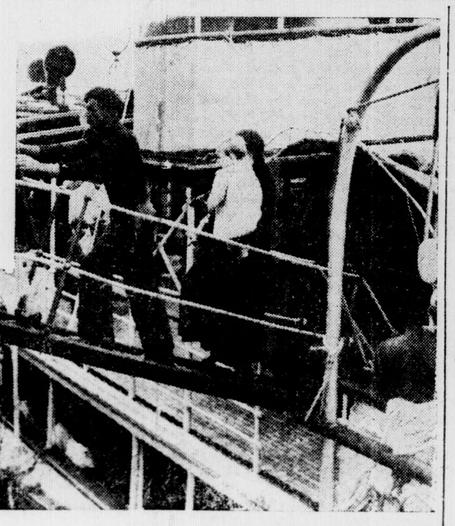
SAN FRANCISCO—A statement by the culinary unions involved in the San Francisco hotel strike told the public on Wednesday how the hotel operators were using the Fiesta in an attempt to justify their inhumane labor policies.

Describing pay checks which gave one employee $2.49 for 13 hours' work, another employee 48 cents for 5 hours, and many other similar cases, the union added:

"To declare a truce for the fiesta period, as suggested by the operators and the civic committee, would mean the workers would have to clean the hotels, the hotels would be restocked, and the unions would face great obstacles in re-establishing their present position after the fiesta.

"The 3500 hotel strikers resent the attempt of the operators, aid-

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BASQUE children on the way to England, to be cared for in homes of British workers.

BRIDGE OPENING MARRED BY NAZI FLAG'S DISPLAY

Mayor Rossi Defends Hitler to Labor Committee

SAN FRANCISCO — Marking conclusion of a great achievement, the new Golden Gate Bridge was opened for the first time last Thursday, when tens of thousands of persons walked over the great span.

The Fiesta celebrating this achievement, however, was marred for organized labor and its friends by flagrant display of the swastika flag of Nazi Germany, symbolizing the worst enemies of trade unionism, among other flags on Market St., and the defense of this by Mayor Rossi and Fiesta Committee officials.

Rossi Defends Hitler

When a committee of representatives of the Maritime Federation District Council No. 2, American League Against War and Fascism, International Longshoremen's Assn., Communist Party and other labor and progressive groups, called at the mayor's office to protest display of the Nazi flag, Rossi stated:

"I will not order these flags removed and I think it is very unbecoming of you to come here with such demands. All nations have been invited to the fiesta and it is in very bad taste to ask that their flags be removed."

Mayor Insults German Anti-Nazi

To Eric Spiekerman, secretary of the German-American League for Culture, representing 2500 anti-Nazi German-speaking voters Rossi defended Hitler, saying "You say you represent the German people. Let the German people choose their own lead-

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New Evidence on Mooney Innocence

Actual Bombers Are Brought to Light in Evidence Going to Senate

WASHINGTON—New light was shed on the identity of the perpetrators of the San Francisco bombing of 1916 by the unearthing of a hitherto secret government document here.

The new evidence will be presented to the Senate judiciary committee when it conducts hearings on the pending congressional resolution to memorialize the State of California to pardon Mooney. Hearings are expected to begin shortly.

Fickert Implicated Anew

The document, containing the sworn testimony of J. H. Koolbergen, a British spy, to British authorities, points the finger of suspicion at C. C. Crowley, a convicted dynamiter, and his boss, Charles M. Fickert, prosecuting attorney who allegedly railroaded Thos. Mooney and Warren K. Billings to life sentences in the penitentiary for the crime.

Contained on pages 2543 and 2544 of U. S. Ex. 600, printed record of sabotage cases, Koolbergen's testimony shows that he was asked by Lieut. Von Brincken, a member of the German consul's staff in San Francisco, whether he could make a bomb to specifications. Koolbergen said that he made the bomb and took it to a room in the Palace Hotel, where he met C. C. Crowley.

Who Brought the Bombs

Crowley, according to Koolbergen, proclaimed the bomb excellent and ordered 12 of them at a cost of $75 each. One bomb was purchased from Koolbergen but the deal for the others fell through when members of the German staff began to get suspicious of Koolbergen.

Comparison of the details of the bomb made by Koolbergen and sold to Crowley with pictures of the preparedness day bomb published July 23, 1916, in William Randolph Hearst's San Francisco Examiner show them to be identical instruments. Witnesses of the fatal explosion declare that the bomb was completely destroyed and that only through advance information could Hearst have obtained the complete drawing which was published a few hours after the explosion.

Further records here show that Crowley made payments to Lewis Smith, another convicted

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5-4 DECISION SHOWS DANGER

NEW YORK—"The upholding of some provisions of the Federal Social Security Act by the Supreme Court must be regarded as a victory of progress over reaction, in spite of the inadequacy of that Act," states Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party, U. S. A.

Forced By Pressure

"But the 5 to 4 margin by which they were upheld indicates how far the Court was from expressing the popular will, and that this margin was only won by the threat of Roosevelt's reform plan.

"Indeed, the upholding of the unemployment insurance legislation by one vote is clear evidence that the present composition of the Court as well as its unwarranted power of judicial veto are a serious threat to the democratic expression of the will of the American people."

Will YOU Be There With Sub Champions?

WHEN the roll of champions is called at the California Press Builders' Congress in Los Angeles on July 17 and 18, will YOU be there?

Dozens of comrades throughout the state have either obtained or are very close to the 100 points necessary to attend this important conference, but even if you haven't a point as yet, it's till possible and easy for you to run up your score to 100 and be invited to this Congress.

You will want to be there in this gathering of champion press builders, workers who know how important it is to all the people's battles for better conditions and against reaction. to build the circulation of the Western Worker. You will want to contribute your experiences in getting new readers for the "Western," so our paper can go forward to ever greater leadership in California. And you will want to participate in the good times at the Congress, including the banquet and dance on Saturday night, July 17.

Your invitation will be forthcoming when you score 100 points, to be awarded as follows:

One point for each month of Western Worker subscriptions (one 3-months sub counts three points, etc.); two points for each month of Daily Worker subscriptions; one point for each month of Sunday Worker subscriptions. Subs are to be obtained between April 15 last, and next July 4.

Every Communist Party unit and branch, from Eureka to San Diego, should immediately without fail, discuss how many comrades they can send to this first California Press Builders' Congress.

Seamen Blast at Bland Ship Bill

WASHINGTON — National Maritime Union representatives are blasting away at the compulsory arbitration Guffey-Bland bill, on which hearings are being held in the House Merchant Marine Committee.

The NMU representatives told the House committee that the proposed measure which would extend the Railway Labor Act to the maritime industry, would interfere with the seamen's right to organize and strike.

James Mullen and Roland Perry were among NMU spokesmen at the hearings.

IRON PICKET RING AT FORD

Natl. Maritime Union in Unity Appeal to West

Tells Why New Union Was Set Up, and of Necessity for a National Unity Convention of all Coasts

PORTLAND, Ore.—John Brophy, CIO director, will speak on the achievements and program of the CIO, at the Maritime Federation of the Pacific convention, opening here June 7.

Brophy will also appear at the convention of the Federation of Woodworkers, opening at the same time here.

In a stirring apepal to all maritime unions and all Maritime Federation district councils of the Pacific Coast, the new rank and file National Maritime Union, on the East and Gulf Coasts has shown the need for national unity and a national Unity Convention. The appeal follows:

To all district councils of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific:

To all branches of the Sailors Union of the Pacific; Marine Firemen, Oilers and Watertenders of the Pacific; Marine Cooks and Stewards Association of the Pacific; Locals of the Pacific Coast District of the International Longshoremen's Association; all locals of the Master Mates and Pilots, ARTA, MEBA:

The National Maritime Union sends greetings to all Pacific Coast Unions and to each and every individual member of the unions. The National Maritime Union pledges its full support to every Pacific Maritime Union. The sailors, stewards and black gang in the East and Gulf, united into the National Maritime Union, will always stand shoulder to shoulder with you in a national united front against the shipowners.

We have previously informed you of the reasons why we formed the National Maritime Union. Copies of the statement and resolutions proposing formation of the Union have been sent you. This resolution has not only been approved by the seamen in the East and Gulf, but we understand that already some of the Pacific Maritime Unions (the Stewards and Firemen), have adopted decisions recognizing the National Maritime Union as the official union of the Eastern and Gulf unlicensed personnel.

Why NMU Was Formed

To further inform the membership of every Pacific Maritime union we wish now to elaborate on some policies adopted that affect both us and you.

First, why did we constitute ourselves the National Maritime Union?

The Pacific Coast membership, through bitter experience, knows as well as we do, the policies of the International and East Coast officials of the ISU. Time after time they acted as open strike-breakers. They oppose rank and file control with a dictatorship that outlaws all democracy. They tried to create friction between the East and West Coast membership.

During those years when the

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$5000 in Sweets, Cigarettes Go to Lincoln Battalion

NEW YORK—Five thousand dollars' worth of cigarettes and sweets contributed by Americans for the Lincoln Battalion left this week in the S. S. Lafayette.

About 50,000 packs of cigarettes are in the shipment. Another shipment will leave June 2 on the Normandie, the American Friends of the Lincoln Battalion announced.

'DIG IN'—ILA URGES MOVIE STRIKE MEET

Cheer Donnelly; Big Donation From S.F. ILA Members

(Movie Fans Staying Away—) See Page 2)

LOS ANGELES — Close to 2000 striking movie workers gathered in a mass meeting at the American Legion Stadium Tuesday, May 25, and heard Roy Donnelly, president of the San Pedro local of the International Longshoremen's Association, tell them to 'dig in—your strike is still young."

"You must be progressive," Donnelly said, "or you wouldn't be meeting the opposition you've had. The ILA will support you—we like your form of organization."

Big ILA Donation

Thunderous applause greeted Donnelly, who came to the meeting as the representative of Harry Bridges, district president of the ILA. Earlier in the evening, announcement had been made of a $4,000 contribution to the strike fund of the Federated Motion Picture Crafts from San Francisco Longshoremen.

Despite continued efforts of leaders of the AFL International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employes in colaboration with film producers to break the strike of the FMPC, the entire meeting showed marked determination to carry on the fight for union shop demands.

Announcement was made of the presentation to the AFL executive board in Cincinnati of a resolution from the FMPC charging the IATSE with strike breaking. The resolution further demanded that the AFL executive board condemn the IATSE and demand the withdrawal of all cards issued by it during the strike.

The resolution was presented by L. J. Lindelof, president of the International Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators, and Paperhangers.

Maintaining their ranks of over 5,000 men and women, strikers are continuing to picket studios and theaters throughout the city.

Richmond Walkout Shows Ford Can't Fool With CIO

RICHMOND—In an attempt to break the Ford strike led by the CIO, Machinists Union reactionary officials, headed by Vernon and Huybrecht, called a meeting of the company union Ford Employes Assn. for Friday night. The reactionaries were planning to charter the company union in the AFL. Viola Cox, secretary of the Contra Costa Central Labor Council, stated the Council is opposed to this.

RICHMOND (Contra Costa County)—With 1800 United Automobile Workers Union members on strike, Henry Ford has found out that he cannot trifle with the CIO.

The complete tie-up of the Ford plant here came after an 892 to 2 vote to strike, following refusal of the plant superintendant to act on a list of grievances presented by the 12 union shop stewards.

The strike has the approval of Homer Martin, UAW president, who has spoken to California mass meetings in the past 10 days. The walkout may develop into the signal to unlimber the CIO's heaviest guns against Ford throughout the country.

Systematic Persecution

The Long Beach Ford plant was reported ready to walk out.

Among grievances of the men is the persecution of two UAW members, who in the recent sit-down welded the gates. One was sent to the docks, the other given work as a "grease monkey."

In addition, the UAW charges the company with attempting to ring in a company union; with using 30 spies against the union; with failing to use utility men, doubling up work for workers; cutting down to four days in order to punish the workers; violating seniority rights agreed upon after the recent sitdown; and general persecution.

Picket lines ranging from 200 to 800 have surrounded the plant. Even plant manager Clarence Bullwinkel couldn't get in without a pass.

Union recognition and $8 for an 8-hour day are also demanded.

DEARBORN, Mich. — Ford thugs attacked and beat up Richard Frankenstein and Walter Reuther, UAW leaders, as they stood near the River Rouge plant. The UAW is going right ahead with its drive on Ford, despite terrorism.

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NEW EVIDENCE SHOWS TOM MOONEY'S COMPLETE LACK OF GUILT IN '16 BOMBING

Actual Bombers Are Brought to Light in Evidence to be Given to The U. S. Senate

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dynamiter, totaling $550 in the months preceding the explosion for which Mooney and Billings were blamed and sentenced to life imprisonment. These payments are listed on page 747, Vol. 2, of the bill of exceptions to the trial of German Consul General Von Bopp and Lieut. Von Brincken.

According to one Frank O. Stevens of Dayton, Ohio, Smith died in Cleveland about July 4, 1922. Before his death Smith confessed in the presence of six persons that he was the one who planted the bomb which caused the explosion on July 22, 1916, in which 10 persons were killed and 40 injured.

Fickert's Special Agent

Crowley, according to a document dated San Francisco, June 14, 1915, was a special agent of Fickert, supposedly assigned to the investigation of traffic in illicit drugs. At the time of his appointment by Fickert he was participating in dynamiting on behalf of the Imperial German government, the record shows.

Fickert, it is alleged, was elected to office as prosecuting attorney with the aid of the powerful United Railways whose employees Tom Mooney was attempting to unionize.

Mooney and Billings have been in jail for 21 years. Throughout that time they have steadily protested their innocence of the crime for which they were convicted and Mooney has refused a parole on the grounds that acceptance would imply admission of guilt.

Witnesses against Mooney and Billings have since declared they gave perjured testimony and jurors have since stated that their decision was reached without full knowledge of the facts and under duress. The case has been bandied about the courts of California and the Supreme Court. At present it is awaiting final appeal to the Supreme Court.

In the meantime Mooney and Billings have become famous as martyrs to the cause of labor and their imprisonment has come to signify the struggle of labor for the right to organize and bargain collectively.

POLE FLIGHT THRILLS USSR

Vast Contribution to World Science

MOSCOW—Professor Otto J. Schmidt and his companions in the Soviet conquest of the North Pole have set up light-housekeeping in a tent, and with their radio station working have been sending weather reports to Moscow.

Professor Samoilovich, director of the Arctic Institute, stated: "The flight undertaken by the Soviet pilots to the North Pole is not only of All-Union significance, the results of this exceptional flight and the scientific work in the region of the North Pole will constitute a vast contribution to world science.

"Properly speaking, no one has yet been to the North Pole. Even the American, Robert Peary, as has now been ascertained, was not at the Pole itself but 150 kilometers (93.15 miles) away from it. Soviet people were the first to go there, not for the sake of records, but for a great, serious task."

The whole Soviet Union was thrilled by the news of the Red flag flying near the Pole. Headlines blazoned, "Bolsheviki Conquer the North Pole!" and "Red Soviet Banner Hoisted at the North Pole for Ever!"

MOSCOW — Three Soviet planes from the Rudolph Island base landed at points around the North Pole carrying food and supplies to equip the four Soviet observers for a full year's stay on the ice floe at the Pole.

One of the planes found its way direct to the floe, the others landing at nearby points.

Stefansson, Applauds

NEW YORK—"I look upon the feat of establishing a more or less permanent Soviet station at the North Pole as significant chiefly, when you consider it as part of a vast general program," declared Dr. Vilhajalmur Stefansson, famed American explorer, scientist and writer, in an interview with Harry Gannes of the Daily Worker.

"During the past several years," said Stefansson, "the Soviet government has been doing more scientific and developmental work in the Artic than has been done by all the rest of the world combined."

MOVIE FANS STAYING AWAY

Business Falls Off Due to Strike

LOS ANGELES—Usually reliable sources reported last week that box office returns in Fox-West Coast Theaters here had dropped 50 per cent during the past two weeks, as a result of picketing carried on by the striking Federated Motion Picture Crafts.

Stay away from all picture shows made by struck film companies!

Same box-office slumps are being reported all over the county. Here are some of the headlines in New York Vanity, May 19:

"Chi B. O.'s Toboggan with Weak Pix."

"Spring Puts B'way B. O.'s on Skids."

"No B. O., No Nothin' in Detroit—300,000 union men apparently sympathize with Hollywood Strikers; Biz Brutal."

"B. O.'s Wilt in L. A. Heat."

ILA Starts Drive On All Warehouses

The campaign is on from Los Angeles to Seattle, to organize Warehousemen 100 per cent into the ILA. The campaign is the result of a decision adopted by the recently-concluded ILA Pacific Coast District convention, held in Seattle.

The Northwest and Los Angeles areas are the starting points in the drive. New organizers for the Warehousemen named by the convention were J. R. Robertson, Paul Heide and Ralph Dawson of ILA Local 38-44. Drug, ice, terminal, grocery, hardware and other warehouses are objective of the drive.

Sub Drive Standings

Alameda County still leading with 60 per cent of its quota achieved, San Francisco second, San Bernardino third, Los Angeles fourth, and Santa Barbara, which jumped from sixteenth to fifth place in no time—this is the latest report on the Western Worker Circulation Drive:

May 26, 1937

County	Quota	Subs. Received	% Quota	DW (subs)	SW
Alameda	250	151	60.0	4	12
San Francisco	600	262	44.4	14	20
San Bernardino	40	15	37.0		2
Los Angeles	1000	338	34.4		14
Santa Barbara	50	16	32.2		14
Sacramento	75	23	30.6		
San Mateo	50	15	30.3	1	1
Bakersfield	20	6	30.3		
Fresno	25	6	24.3		
Contra Costa	55	11	20.0	1	
Tulare	20	4	20.0		3
Merced	25	4	16.0		
Monterey	35	5	14.2		
San Diego	100	12	12.0		
Stockton	20	2	10.0		
Sonoma	40	4	10.0		
Santa Clara	50	5	10.0		
Eureka	25	2	8.0		
Fort Bragg	25	1	4.0		
TOTALS	2500	882	35.7	20	52
YET TO GO		1618	64.3		
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THUGS' VICTIM



FAUSTINO ORTEZ, member of Canenry Workers Union 20.09, and a striker at California Conserving in Hayward, is here shown after deputy sheriffs and thugs beat him up. An Ortez Defense Committee has been set up by East Bay unions, with the aim of putting a stop to police brutality in strikes.

DEPORTING OF ITALIAN JEWS IS THREATENED

Mussolini Newspaper Demands End to Anti-Nazism

ROME—Jews of Italy were served with a flat warning by Mussolini's personally-owned Milan newspaper, "Popolo D'Italia," to support fascism or leave the country.

A prominently displayed editorial directed a stern warning to the Jewish people in Italy to give up any opposition to Hitler's attack on Jews and to abandon any participation in the Zionist movement for a "national Jewish home"in Palestine.

Opposition to the Nazi's anti-Semitism, said the editorial, is "irreconciliable with the friendship that binds us to Germany." Support of the Zionist movement would be "in definite opposition to the Mediterranean spirit of Italy."

The warning to Jews in Italy is a consequence of the Rome-Berlin "axis" which unites the two principal fascist countries for the carrying out of the war in Spain and for extending fascist influence in Austria and throughout the Danube basin. It also follows from the fascist war alignment which conflicts with British imperialism.

The Zionist settlement in Palestine is an adjunct of British imperialism whereas Mussolini has set himself up as the "protector" of Mohammadanism.

Palo Alto Picket Ban is Defeated

PALO ALTO — The proposed Palo Alto anti-picketing ordinance was unanimously defeated by the City Council last Monday night before a union-packed hall.

Professor Emeritus Guido H. Marx, Stanford University School of Engineering, collected 250 signatures of his fellow members of the Teachers Union and towns people against the bill late Monday afternoon, when it became evident a special Council meeting had been slipped over, to railroad the bill through the same evening.

The cheers that rent the air when the Board of Safety recommended that the un-American measure be not passed showed the Councilmen how to vote.

The Council also set June 15th as a date for an election on the proposed pensions for city employees, with only Councilman Bonham opposed. Costello, Moser, and Salsman attempted to straddle the issue, but were afraid of exposure and voted for the election.

Hotel Unions Hit Misuse of Fiesta

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ed by a so-called civic committee, to use San Francisco's fiesta as a club to compel them to return to work without granting of their fundamental demands.

"We deplore as much as anyone the fact that 16 of San Francisco's large hotels must remain closed during the fiesta, but when the so-called civic committee states that the entire future of San Francisco is at stake, we view this as an absurd statement. San Francisco will go on and on to bigger and better things, and we, the workers, will go along with it, strong in our civic pride, but also strong in our stand for human rights.

"Human rights are more important than any fiesta, however glorious and brilliant it may be."

The unions blasted the threat of Wesley McKenzie (member of the so-called civic committee demanding an end of the strike for the fiesta), that perhaps force should be used to open the hotels.

INVITE DECKER AS SPEAKER AT BIG MEET ON CS

Assemblyman Ellis Patterson Will Also Talk

SAN FRANCISCO — Caroline Decker, now on parole after having served two years in Tehachapi prison, has been invited to speak at a mass meeting sponsored by a group of unions and defense organizations to be held Wednesday, June 2, 8 p. m., at the Cooks Union building, 111 Jones street.

Patterson to Speak

The committee sponsoring the meeting has requested the State Parole office to grant Miss Decker, one of eight men and women convicted at Sacramento in 1935 under the criminal syndicalism act, permission to speak at the meeting.

Other speakers will be Assemblyman Ellis E. Patterson, author of an Assembly Resolution memorializing Governor Merriam to pardon the eight Sacramento defendants, and Leo Gallagher, attorney for seven of the eight Sacramento speakers.

The mass meeting is being held as part of the campaign to win unconditional freedom for those convicted under the criminal syndicalism act. Repeal of criminal syndicalism laws in Oregon and Washington has spurred the fight here for freedom of the prisoners and repeal of the California statute.

Report Green Plot On Marine Unions

CINCINNATI—The AFL executive council evidently is not only hell-bent on widening the split in the labor movement through ordering labor councils and state federations to expel CIO unions, but in its disruption plans also to move against the progressive maritime organizations, even those in the AFL.

Aims at Maritime Unions

William Green is reported as having announced a plan to set up a new maritime department for "loyal" maritime unions.

(The lovalty of the unions in the Maritime Federation of the Pacific to the desires of the AFL membership has been unswerving.)

At the same time the AFL Council, at the craft union conference here, announced it is issuing a charter for a machinists' union dual to the CIO United Automobile Workers in the Indianapolis Chevrolet plant. The charter would attempt to cover all workers in the plant.

The conference has been marked by continuous cropping out of bitter jurisdiction differences between the craft internationals. President W. D. Mahon of the Amalgamated Assn. of Street and Electric Ry. Employees said: "We all steal members if we get a chance."

Green fired Don Stevens, AFL organizer for the Newspaper Guild, because of his CIO sympathies. Green, acting arbitrarily, stated, "the Guild is out of the Federation"—which is untrue. The coming Guild convention in St. Louis will take up CIO affiliation.

The conference sidestepped charges against the IATSE in the Hollywood strike, waiting to hear IATSE President Browne first.

Cannery Labor Eye Stockton; SF Firm

Cannery workers' struggles for organization and for better wages focused in three centers this week—San Francisco, East Bay and Stockton.

The Tea Garden Cannery in San Francisco remained shut tight with 300 workers on strike under the leadership of Cannery Workers Local 20379. Twenty-four-hour picketing shows the strikers' determination to force wage increases.

Nine plants of the California Packing and California Conserving still remain struck in the East Bay area, with such terror as the police beating up of Faustino Ortez last week leaving the strikers undaunted.

Eyes on Stockton

Occurrences in the Stockton Cannery Workers Union alarmed cannery workers throughout the state. The Federal charter was finally installed there this week by reactionary state federation vice-president Joseph McManus, but not until a slate close to the company had been inducted into office. Vincent Dunne, installed as president, is a classmate of J. St. Sure, canners' attorney; True Dyer, vice-president, is a Richmond Chase warehouse boss; Lena Lema, recording secretary, is a head floor leady; trustees consist of two floor ladies and a warehouse foremen.

The employees' slate was put through with Ed Vandeleur's benediction. McManus, close to Vandeleur, said Warehousemen would be taken in and later given to the Teamsters, as asked by the employers.

Enter the sub drive contest NOW—competition is growing keener each day.

Major Lord is Now A Convinced Foe Of World Fascism

LOS ANGELES—Veteran of seven wars, a member of the British Royal Air Corps, second in rank to famed war ace, Eddie Rickenbacher, in number of enemy planes shot down during the World War, Major Frederic Lord, recently returned from Spain, has "never seen anything like the Loyalists."

Interviewed here, Major Lord, who was to speak at the Shrine Auditorium May 28, along with the Spanish Ambassador Fernando de los Rios and the Catholic priest, Father O'Flanagan, emphatically declared, "I've no doubt but what the Loyalist government will win the war."

"Why, I tell you," he repeated, "I've never seen anything like those guys. You can't stop them. They work eight hours a day, then pick up their guns and go to the front to fight."

A Man Who Changed

At first one of the American "flyers of fortune" who "fight for the thrill of it," Lord went over to Spain in the early days of the war, on a pure cash basis. "But it only took a little time before I was really won over to the People's Front government.

"I'd read here in America of the atrocities and the massacres that were being carried on by the Loyalists—I even thought that maybe I'd have to do it myself," he said.

"But the first day I was over there, I was taken into a church and I saw with my own eyes. That church was built for a fort-

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More Issues Face Court, Says FDR

WASHINGTON—Renewing his plea for enactment of the Supreme Court reorganization bill President Roosevelt pointed out to the press than the court must reverse its 20-year-old stand on the child labor law and act favorably on at least a half-dozen other important issues before the social and labor legislation proposed in his message to congress can become effective.

Although he reiterated his support of the reorganization bill he made no statement concerning the "compromise" being pushed by reactionaries who take advantage of the court's 5 to 4 "liberal" decisions to argue that the changes are unnecessary.

Wage and Hour Provisions

The court, Roosevelt said, will be faced with minimum wage and maximum hour provisions of the proposed law, and with those dealing with employers who defy the unions.

More issues confront the court out of social legislation already passed, Roosevelt continued, and out of legislation such as the housing problem to be undertaken in the fuutre.

More Issues

For instance, the court in its TVA decision passed only on the constitutionality of the Wilson dam, while the issue may be raised in other phases on other dams of the TVA project, on the Boulder dam and on the legality of a municipality borrowing federal funds to build its own power plant.

Congressional leaders this week were preparing for early passage of the new labor bill, while the senate awaited a report from its judiciary committee on the court bill. This report is already ascertained as 10 to 8 against the bill.

Nazi Flags a Blot On Bridge Opening

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ers. I say you are a fool."

Shortly after this defense of Nazism by the mayor, a group of anti-Nazi maritime workers used a fishing pole to rip a Nazi flag from trolley wires at Grant and Market Sts., while leaflets were showered from an office building, stating:

"We are a group of anti-Nazi maritime workers. We call upon all peace-loving, anti-fascist people of San Francisco to protest the flaunting of this Nazi emblem of international fascism."

The tearing down of the Nazi flag brought the same fanatical outburst from the German Nazi press that followed the recent anti-Nazi declarations by Mayor LaGuardia of New York and Cardinal Mundelein of Chicago.

As a result of mass pressure, the Fiesta Committee finally displayed the hammer-and-sickle flag of the Soviet Union with the flags of other nations.

Labor Ball Saturday Night

A huge crowd was expected to attend the Labor Ball at Civic Auditorium on Saturday night, May 29, proceeds of which are to go to the families of the 10 workers who were killed in construction of the Golden Gate Bridge, due to criminal negligence by the contractors. It was pointed out that investigation to fix responsibility for this mass murder, has been dropped.

BIG CIO VICTORY

PAWTUCKET, R. I.—The big Coats Thread Co., with 3600 employes, has signed an agreement with the CIO United Textile Workers Union.

ALL BUT ONE OF WPA PICKETERS ARE NOW FREE

Judge Dunn Forced to Free Them, Charges Flimsy

SAN FRANCISCO—All cases of pickets arrested in the recent big WPA strike have now been dismissed except that of Mary Dunn, who was brutally man-handled by three officers during the strike. Date for her trial is yet to be set.

Charges against twelve WPA pickets in the San Francisco Police Court were dismissed May 21 when Judge Dunn had to admit the complaint was faulty. The International Labor Defense conducted the defense of all pickets arrested during the strike.

Judge Had to Dismiss

After the jury had been selected and two officers had testified against the defendants, Attorney Anderson discovered the complaint actually charged the defendants with "refusal to move an animal or vehicle at command of an officer."

Inasmuch as the testimony of the police officers failed to show that the pickets were provided with either animals or vehicles, Judge Dunn dismissed the cases, after a long consultation to see if there were not some way in which he could amend the complaint.

Pickets on trial were Doris Adams, William Watkins, David Ripley, Victor Merrick, William Fanning, Leonard Perez, Vincent Connelly, Ray Rorpa, David Cano, Oliver Williams, and Paul McNeally.

All pickets on trial were members of the WA or AFGE 236, arrested for picketing the Alcazar Theater on April 5.

Big L. A. Rally by Cultural Workers

LOS ANGELES—Three hundred enthusiastic workers from WPA Cultural and Professional Projects in the Los Angeles area greeted well known liberal and labor speakers at a mass rally staged by the organizing committee of the California Federation of Government Employees in Trinity Auditorium North Hall, on May 24th.

Keynote speaker was James M. Carter, CIO attorney, and member of the Democratic State Central Committee, who urged the cultural and professional workers to realize that their interests are one with those of all other workers, and that they must make common cause with the labor movement generally in seeking better conditions of life. He commended the stand taken by Federation members at a previous meeting when they voted overwhelmingly to seek affiliation with the CIO.

Harvey Wolf, a worker on the Emergency Education Project, presented an analysis of the practical problems facing WPA employees in the present crisis of threatened lay-offs and curtailment of Federal funds.

Others who gave brief talks to the cultural workers were Leo Gallagher, famous labor attorney; Dr. E. P. Ryland of the Civil Liberties Union; Pat Calahan, Los Angeles organizer of the Workers Alliance; Al Jennings, famous stage figure and one-time Oklahoma bad man; Attorney Robert Faulds, of the I. L. D.; Ken Hunter, of the CIO Steel Workers Organizing Committee; John G. Wenk, head of the Utopian Society; and Harry Furney and Fred Franchi, members of the organizing committee of the Federation. Master of ceremonies for the evening was Guy Endore, prominent author and literary figure.

Emsco Asbestos Men In Strike; CIO Leads

DOWNEY — Workers in the Emsco Asbestos Plant here walked out 100 per cent following plant officials' refusal to grant demands of the CIO International Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' union for union recognition and a 10-cent blanket wage increase.

Previous to the walkout, plant owners had dismissed almost half the number of workers for union activity. Under the IMM& SW, the plant had been completely organized into the Emsco Asbestos Plant Workers local. Strong picket lines have been maintained daily since the strike was called.

Negotiations between plant officials and the union have snagged so far on the important union demand of reinstatement without prejudice of all men dismissed.

"Minister Looks at Spain" in Palo Alto

PALO ALTO — "A Minister Looks at Spain" will be the subject of the Rev. Ben Wilson's talk at a mass meeting in Union Hall, June 7, called by the Peninsula chapter of the American League Against War and Fascism. The Peninsula chapter was organized two weeks ago with Mrs. Carl Eisenberg of Atherton as secretary-chairman.

W.W. CHAMPION



JERRY FEINGOLD

The trail he's blazing in the Western Worker Circulation Drive is still smoking! This champion sub-getter in California, to date, has already rung the bell with 30 subscriptions, 27 of which are for one year each. "Just go to the workers with the paper," says Jerry. "They're looking for the Western Worker." And this is one title-holder who hopes he'll be dethroned before July 4th, that someone will get even more subs than he will!

FURRIERS NOW IN THE CIO

Voted by Convention; Gold is President

CHICAGO—By 94 to 4, the Intl. Fur Workers Union at its 12th biennial convention at Chicago voted to affiliate with the Committee for Industrial Organization. The step taken by the 25-year-old international added 30,000 members to CIO ranks.

The union chose a new president when Ben Gold, manager of the New York joint council, was unanimously elected to succeed Pietro Lucchi, who was elected to the post of secretary-treasurer, also by a unanimous vote.

The union, which has grown from a membership of 3,000 in the last two years, also elected 7 vice-presidents. Adopting some 60 resolutions, the convention went on record in support of many progressive measures.

Many in S. Diego Vs. Teamster Raids

SAN DIEGO — Local 38-120, CIO Warehousemen, asked conference of the San Diego Central Labor Council Wednesday night in a strongly worded resolution condemning Dan Tobin and Joe Casey for their strike-breaking activities in attempting to send teamsters through the Warehousemen's picket lines and Green for his labor-splitting actions of expelling the Warehousemen from the Central Labor Councils in Seattle and Portland.

The resolution lost by a narrow margin of 36 against and 29 for with 12 delegates not voting, apparently through fear of discrimination by reactionary officials of their own unions if they voted for it.

The resolution was signed by two members of the Resolutions Committee but one of them, Walter Barnes of the Carpenters, voted against its adoption.

It was reported that Delegate Witte of the Warehousemen had appeared before the Executive Committee earlier in the evening in an unsuccessful attempt to get the committee to recommend passage of the resolution. Several of the delegates blamed Neary of the Longshoremen for the failure to secure endorsement of the Executive Committee when 3 of the 5 members voted for the resolution on the floor. Secretary Lydick and President Brown voted against. It was rumored that Neary, a member of the Executive Committee, expressed the opinion that it should be fought out on the floor without of recommendation from the committee.

Mechanics Hear UAW Strikers

SAN FRANCISCO—Representatives of the CIO United Auto Workers Union, now on strike at Echlin & Echlin, spoke last week to Auto Mechanics 1305 over protests of Business Agent Ellemeyer and other Mechanics officials, who have set up a union composed of scabs working in Echlin & Echlin.

The membership appealed the decision of President Madigan, who ruled UAW representatives could not be heard without AFL credentials.

Ask Respect for Pickets

The UAW asked Local 1305 respect the UAW picket line at Echlin & Echlin and support their strike and condemn their own officials for strikebreaking, labor-splitting tactics. A resolution to this effect was left over in unfinished business.

The scab local set up by Ellemeyer was illegally given a Machinists' charter, Local 1305, members charged, since other S. F. locals were not notified or asked for consent, as the IAM constitution provides.

SPAIN EXPOSES ROYALIST PLOT OF MUSSOLINI

England Attempts to Shield Fascist Countries

GENEVA—The Spanish government through its delegate, Julio Alvarez del Vayo, presented documentary evidence before the League of Nations that Mussolini in 1934 plotted with Spanish monarchists to overthrow the Spanish Republic.

The evidence was part of a "white book" which also contained documentary proof that both Hitler and Mussolini sent soldiers to Spain after having signed the non-intervention control agreement.

The British government, exerting pressure at the League of Nations session to prevent the Spanish government from emphasizing its exposure of the fascist attack on Spain, had proposed a "truce."

British Protect Fascists

At the same time, British diplomats working behind the scenes, pressed del Vayo to soften his criticism of Hitler and Mussolini.

One phrase of the "truce" proposal was to place the anti-democratic Spaniard, Salvador de Madariaga, at the head of a government. Close to the British foreign office, Madariaga has written articles for the New York Times declaring that "democracy had been a failure" and advocating a "class of rulers" for the Spanish people.

Proposals for a truce have been categorically rejected by the Spanish government, which points out that no truce is possible while fascism is carrying on a war against the Spanish people.

Fascists Shoot Down French Transport Plane

BILBAO—Seven fascist war planes forced down a French transport plane here in a new international provocation by which they are trying to cut off all communications to and from the besieged Basque people.

General Emilo Mola's fascist troops battered without penetrating the wall of defense put up by the Basque defenders around the outskirts of their capital.

M'DONOUGH UP FOR CONTEMPT

SAN FRANCISCO—Pete McDonough, head of the graft ring whose exposure the Rossi administration is trying to impede, was forced to appear in court Thursday to answer charges of contempt.

The appellate Court refused his plea for a writ of prohibition. He was instructed by the lower court that he must either answer the questions put to him by the grand jury or specify that he refuses to answer because his testimony might incriminate him.

Legislator Squirms

In Sacramento Assemblyman Edgar C. Leavy, who was named by the tapped telephone conversations admitted that he knew McDonough's attorney, Leon Samuels, "socially and professionally for many years." He admitted also that he had taken part in a discussion on a proposal to increase the $5000 bond required to be put up by bail bond brokers.

McDonough was disclosed by the tapped telephone conversations as wanting to have this increased to $25,000, apparently to freeze out competition, and Samuels mentioned Leavy's name in connection with this effort.

Leavy protested that his interest in the proposed legislation was purely in response to constituents' questions, and that his acquaintance with McDonough was "casual."

Imperial Irrigation Board Seeks to Buy Out Power Co.

EL CENTRO, Imperial County —Negotiations to purchase the Imperial Valley holdings of the Nevada-California Electric Company were begun by the Imperial Valley Irrigation District, which asked the company to set a price.

The Irrigation District refused an offer of the company to purchase the electric power to be generated along the All-American Canal now under construction from Parker Dam.

Gen. Barrows, a Strikebreaker, Vs. Court Plan

OAKLAND — A tip-off on what kind of people are leading the fight against the President's Supreme Court reform proposals is to be gotten from the fact that General David Prescott Barrows is president of the "East Bay Unit League for Supreme Court Independence."

Barrows was the leader of the National Guard against the 1934 San Francisco strikers. He is a person of outspoken fascist leanings.

NATIONAL MARITIME UNION IN STIRRING UNITY CALL TO UNIONS OF WEST COAST

Tells Why New Union Was Set Up, and of Necessity for a National Unity Convention of All Coasts

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fakers were in control in the East and Gulf the Pacific Coast unions were always weakened because they could not count on official support of the Eastern unions.

Those are the general policies of this infamous crew of labor fakers and agents of the shipowners. In recent months they have time after time refused to agree to democratic elections in the Eastern and Gulf under the auspices of the National Labor Relations Board.

Then on May 3rd they secured an injunction that would completely outlaw all democracy in the Stewards Union. Similarly, dangers confronted the membership in the Sailors. Their policies and the injunction, made it impossible for the membership in the Eastern and Gulf to exercise their democratic rights through the International Seamen's Union.

In such a situation could the Eastern and Gulf membership, who are united, who have forced increased wages and improved conditions, who are winning union control of hiring, jeopardize these gains and weaken their original strength—BY SURRENDER TO THE FAKERS?

We in the East and Gulf have no intentions of surrendering. We have marched too far forward. Through the National Maritime Union we will continue to march forward. In constituting ourselves the National Maritime Union we did so for one purpose, " In order to establish a democratic organization through which we can maintain our gains, force recognition of our elected representatives, and conclude union agreements."

The membership of the Pacific Coast unions no doubt wonder—will the National Maritime Union have the support of all the Eastern and Gulf seafaring crafts; will it successfully establish itself as THE UNION OF THE EAST AND GULF?

We think a few facts will eliminate any doubts on this question. Let us cite them—

First, at the end of the strike three months ago all shipping companies refused to have anything to do with the elected representatives of the rank and file.

30 Companies Deal With NMU

What is the situation now? Through their organized action, or the threat of it, the membership have forced 30 companies to deal with the elected representatives of the seamen. These companies have all issued passes permitting the rank and file representatives the right to board all vessels. A few of the major companies are:

International Mercantile Marine, Ward Line, Standard Oil of N. J., Export Line, Black Diamond, Lykes Brothers, Moore McCormack United Fruit, and Grace Line.

The ONLY companies in the East Coast area where we have not yet reached some form of settlement are the City Service, Standard of N. Y., Isthmanian, Gulf Refinery and Texas Oil.

Secondly, in many ports most of the shipping is through our union halls. **The crimps are not all out of business, but they will soon be in a few months.**

Third, substantial improvement in conditions and wages has already been achieved on many companies.

Non-Union Lines Organized

Fourth, we have organized non-union companies, such as the United Fruit, and tankers, and secured agreements on these companies.

Do not these facts show definitely the strength and sentiment of the seamen? Is there anyone who would dare argue that Hunter, Carlson, Brown and Grange have been repudiated and expelled by the seamen? Can there be any doubt that the National Maritime Union will have the support of the majority of seamen in the East and Gulf?

Further, our petition to the National Labor Relations Board for elections to determine the collective bargaining agency of the Seamen, has been granted by the Board on May 12. The elections will start within two or three weeks. There is no doubt in such a democratic vote the seamen will vote AGAINST Hunter, Carlson, Brown, Grange and the rest of the strikebreakers and for the National Maritime Union as the collective bargaining agency of the seamen.

For An Honest, Powerful Union

That is the situation, Brothers of the West Coast. We, in the East and Gulf, want an honest, democratic and powerful union and we are going to have it. We could not have it through the ISU—but we will have it through the National Maritime Union.

Of course a powerful Eastern and Gulf union is not enough. In the future the need for national unity is greater than ever.

We maritime workers will have to rely upon our united national strength more and more in facing the shipowners. And we hope you will agree with us that the establishment of the National Maritime Union in the East and Gulf will make possible greater national unity and strength than we ever had.

The establishment of a united national Seamens union is the most immediate way to increase our national strength. How can we get such a national union? Let us ask who is responsible for the fact that there is no national organization? Did Hunter, Olander, Scharrenberg, Grange and the whole crew of pirates revoke the charter of the Sailors Union of the Pacific? Has not the policies of these agents of the shipowners cost them the confidence of the membership of the Pacific Coast Firemen and Stewards Union? Did not the strikebreaking activities, and undemocratic policies of these dues racketeers force us, in the East and Gulf, in self protection, to organize the National Maritime Union?

Well, brothers, does anyone hope that the same gentleman who split our ranks will restore a united national union?

Refusing to recognize the democratic decisions made by thousands of men in the East and Gulf is not the way to secure national unity!

How then can unity be established?

We are of the opinion that this can best be accomplished if the unions actually representing the seamen in the Pacific, Atlantic and Gulf call a National Unity Convention. Let the membership in each district union elect their delegates by referendum vote. Such a convention of democratically elected delegates could surely work out a program that would meet with the approval of every seaman in the West, East and Gulf and unite us again into one national organization.

These are our suggestions for consideration by the West Coast membership. Perhaps the West Coast unions have additional or better plans to offer. If so, we would like to have them because there should be no serious difficulties that could prevent all the unions from working out a plan for convening such a convention.

National Unity Convention

Perhaps, you would also like to know whether we think the International Officials of the ISU should be represented at such a Convention? Our position is that if the West Coast unions still consider these people as representatives of your unions, and if you desire them present, then we could not oppose their presence. However, as far as our union is concerned we do not consider that Hunter and the International Executive Committee have any authority over our unions and they do not represent anyone in the East and Gulf. Whether they represent anyone on the West Coast is up to you to decide.

We are also in favor of a National Unity Convention in order that the seamen nationally can decide whether or not they should affiliate to the Committee for Industrial Organization. The sentiment of the membership in the East seems to be that their own union, and the fight for a united trade union movement, could best be strengthened through affiliation to the CIO. However, we recognize that it would not be a good situation if one district was affiliated to the CIO and one to the AFL and that therefore there should be one policy nationally. Such a policy could best be worked out by a Convention actually representing all unions nationally.

There is one other point about which you no doubt wish to be informed. Like you, we here in the East and Gulf have at various times been labeled a "bunch of reds." Already Hunter, Scharrenberg and Co., together with some of the shipowners, are charging the National Maritime Union was "hatched in Moscow." On the Pacific Coast, we understand, there are those who charge that the National Maritime Union is "Communist controlled."

There is no more truth to these charges than there is in the charges of the Liberty Leaguers and Hearst that President Roosevelt is a Red. In our union, the same as yours, we have Republicans, Democrats, Communists, and what not. We intend to unite the Seamen, regardless of their political beliefs, and not to divide them because of their race, religion or political beliefs. Neither Democrats, Republicans or Communists dominate and control our union—the rank and file do. And anyone who makes statements to the contrary does so for the purpose of creating confusion and preventing us from uniting nationally!

Brothers of the West Coast, we have in this letter attempted to make clear our policies on all questions. We assure you again that the West Coast unions can always rely on the support of the national Maritime Union whenever you request it. You have always been a source of strength and inspiration to us. Also, without your support and help in the past the Eastern and Gulf rank and file would have had a much harder job of it.

We hope that our policies meet with the approval of the membership of every Pacific Maritime union. If you disapprove of them, then we would like to know your objection in order that we can try and correct anything that stands between unity of the East and West.

Therefore we ask the Maritime Federation and all unions affiliated to it to take an official stand on whether or not you recognize the National Maritime Union as the representative organization of the seafaring crafts in the East and Gulf.

We would also request the Sailors Union of the Pacific, the Marine Cooks and Stewards of the Pacific, and the Marine Firemen, Oilers and Watertenders of the Pacific to make known their opinion on a National Unity Convention and how they think such a convention can be convened.

Forward to a united national Seamens Union!

Forward to a National Maritime Federation!

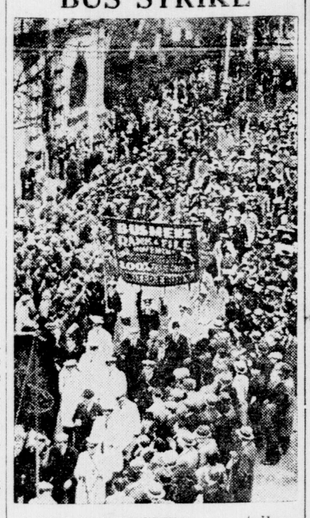
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LONDON BUSMEN ,on strike, parade through city streets.

McManus Spills Beans on Stockton

STOCKTON—Following elections in the Stockton Cannery Workers Union, in which a complete company slate was elected, the San Joaquin County Central Labor Council condemned the whole set-up as a company union, on the grounds that the company collects the dues and runs the entire union.

All but approximately 250 workers who participated in the big strike here were disqualified from voting on one pretext or another, chiefly because they were not employed at the time. However, the elections showed 1069 votes cast, although less than 900 are working.

The company slate included: President, Vince Dunn, office worker at Morpak; vice-president, True Dver warehouse boss at Richmond-Chase; secretary-treasurer, Jean Coffi; recording secretary, Lina Lima, a head forelady; trustees, Rachel Peterman, forelady at Stockton Food Products Co.; Burr Tracy, warehouse foreman at Morpak, and Maude Harris, Richmond-Chase forelady.

The AFL charter was installed last Monday by McManus, of the Teamsters Union, who was sent in by Ed Vandeleur, State Federation of Labor secretary, over the heads of the Central Labor Council.

McManus spilled the beans on the set-up when he said it was "Green's orders, to take the warehousemen into the Cannery Workers Union, and then to transfer them to the Teamsters Union."

Negotiations with the packers were to have started last Tuesday.

INDIA JUTE WORKERS STRIKE

CALCUTTA India—Beginning in one mill strike of jute workers has spread into all other mills in the area involving about 25000 workers within only four days.

MAJOR LORD, FAMED AVIATOR, TELLS IN LOS ANGELES HOW SPAIN MADE HIM ANTI-FASCIST

Will Devote His Time to the Struggle Against Fascism and for Preservation Of Democratic Rights Now

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ress—it commanded all the main streets. And at the windows there were boxes and crates that had been full of ammunition. In the church there was a slain priest.

"The fellow that had taken me into the church said, 'Come, see the kind of priests that we kill.' I went over and looked at the body. Under the priestly robe the priest had been wearing a six-shooter and an army uniform.

Churches Are Open

"The Spanish people have no fight against religion," he declared. "There is a Catholic church open in every town and village. On the Basque front they have never been closed until the fascists destroyed them."

Until he went to Spain, Major Lord had never thought much about fascism. "When I went over, it didn't make any difference to me which side I was going to fight for."

For the Major, it was just going to be "another war." The first one had been in France during the World War, where he shot down planes for the British. Then he had gone in search of "thrills" with the White Russians to fight the Bolsheviks. Leaving Russia with a price of 70,000 rubles on his head, he joined in a couple of revolutions in Mexico. When he went to Spain, he thought it would be the same thing.

"But now, I'm going to continue fighting fascism," he said. Seeing the struggle in Spain has convinced him that "democracy must be defended." Watching the Nazi and Italian armies continue to pour into Spain has made him realize that "the present American Neutrality Act is a farce."

Major Lord has seen bombing before, but never until he came into contact with Franco's fascist hordes, has he seen large-scale bombing that "was for nothing but terrorism," which was intended not to serve military ends, "but merely to break a people's will."

A Contrast

"The Loyalists have been ordered never to bomb a city or a town," he said. "But that's all the fascists are interested in bombing. They use two hundred and three hundred pound bombs which are good only for destroying buildings and cities. I've never seen the Loyalists use anything but a thirty-pound bomb, which could never destroy a building.

"But many of the fascists' bombs are 'duds.' From Germany and Italy and Portugal they come—filled, not with gunpowder, but with notes saying, 'This bomb will not explode. We workers are with you.'

"That's how much Hitler and Mussolini have the workers under their control," he added.

Commenting on Franco's support in the territory he has under his control, the Major declared, "He definitely has none. He executes about 50 to 70 per cent of all the people he conquers. In a public proclamation, he said he would execute 70 per cent of the Spanish people.

"There are very few Spaniards in Franco's troops," he added. "But there are about 125,000 Italian troops, about 20,000 German troops, and 10,000 Moors."

Returning to America eight weeks ago because of ill health, Major Lord feels that, "I can do more good here by speaking on what I've seen," than by going back to Spain.

A few months' fighting for the People's Front government in the cause of democracy has made him a real anti-fascist.

Manchukuan Raiders Lay Telephone Cable Into USSR

KHABAROVSK, U.S.S.R. — A concealed telephone cable, extending from within the border of Manchukuo more than two miles into the territory of the U.S.S.R. was discovered by a Soviet Border patrol who surprised two unknown persons. One was shot, and the other managed to escape in the direction of Manchukuo. Six rolls of field cable, six pickaxes and other tools were found at the end of the cable where the two were spotted.

Canadian Battalion Assumes Names of Famed Liberators

MONTREAL—Names of two historic fighters for Canadian liberation will be adopted by the 400 Canadian anti-fascists now bearing arms in Spain for the cause of democracy.

The Canadian fighters in Spain will be organized into the "Papineau-MacKenzie Company," on the occasion of the 100th aniversary of the Canadian rebellion of 1937. This rebellion was led by Louis Joseph Papineau. William Lyon MacKenzie was a leader of the struggle for self-government of upper Canada.

NAZIS PADLOCK PRINT SHOPS IN WAR ON CHURCH

Vatican Prepares to Print Evidence of Hitler's Pact Violation

BERLIN—The Gestapo, Hitler's secret police, has padlocked eighteen Catholic printing shops which printed the papal encyclical against German Nazism, Catholics revealed here.

Among the closed plants are several historic printing firms, including Regensberg of Munich and Bachem of Cologne.

The new attack in the Nazis' war against Catholics immediately followed the Hitler government's carrying the war against German Catholics to the international field with protests to both the Vatican and to the American state department on the speech of Cardinal Mundelein in Chicago, when 500 priests and prelates applauded his condemnation of Nazism.

It was believed to foreshadow the Vatican's issuance of a "white book" in which is a compilation of evidence that the German Reich had violated the 1933 agreement with the Church.

Vancouver C. P. Will Support CCF Candidates

VANCOUVER, B. C. — The Communist Party will work for the election of candidates of the Canadian Commonwealth Federation with the exception of three Trotzkyites who have managed to get themselves on the Federation's ticket by concealing their real program of disunity in the working class movement.

This announcement was made by the British Columbia provincial executive committee of the Communist Party of Canada, despite the fact that support of the Communists is officially rejected by the federation.

"Communist votes and influence," the statement said further, will be given to Social Credit candidates, not because the Communist Party accepts their program, but because they come within the category of progressive people pledged to fight reaction."

Exceptions were made in three constituencies because "the Communist Party of British Columbia must make it crystal clear that it does not support the Trotzkyist elements who defile the working class movement and the name of the CCF by their anti-working class activities, their machined nominations, and unprintable attacks upon all efforts to attain unity."

NEW YORK—Strikers of the Etched Products Co. have asked the Labor Relations Board to order scabs removed from the Long Island plant.

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Trade Unions of Spain Supporting Negrin's Cabinet

By ROBERT MINOR
(By Radio)

VALENCIA, May 23—Spain is learning more rapidly each hour who is soft and who is hard in the struggle against fascism. Only five days ago there were still men who thought they could speculate upon the results of the non-inclusion of the trade union federations in the new cabinet.

The Communist Party, in its Valencia organ, "Frente Rojo," appraises the results of the trade union actions, and repeats that it hopes that with the overcoming of the consideration of personalities and the placing above everything of the eagerness of the Spanish people for unity, the direct representation of the General Workers' Union, or UGT, and the National Confederation of Labor, or CNT, in the new cabinet will be obtained.

Facts bear it out. The hard-hitter section of the UGT which has worked and fought for the past half year under daily bombing and artillery fire, vigorously supports the new cabinet, while the Barcelona UGT does likewise.

The Barcelona UGT further insists upon the immediate disarming of the irresponsibles and the Trotzkyites and the crushing of the Trotzkyite organization POUM as counter-revolutionary, with the confiscation of its printing plant and radio station.

Support Comes

This is no longer news, but the continuing flood of similar actions by UGT sections throughout Spain is stupifying news. The rear-guard gallants who played a private game with machine guns, tanks and arsenals in the rear, are now hearing from the UGT unions in the Asturias, Guipuzcoa, Viscaya, Santander, who use machine guns for other purposes.

The same healthy trends are now being awakened in the CNT unions. Deeply marked with nearly a century of anarchist traditions under conditions of small production, the workers of the CNT nevertheless set aside the non-authoritarian dogma to support revolutionary authority, and are joining in the government and supporting the people's army.

Any effort to turn them now to a course which would mean the sacrifice of their own tremendous gains and their own cause of the future to sterile dogmas can do no more than cause a crisis within the organization and a reclaiming of the organization by the same proletarian instincts now so forcefully emerging in the UGT.

The question of unity of the two trade union federations will play a big part. But, very beautifully, the People's Front supporters and especially the Communist Party seize upon precisely this demand, which has long been their own, to drive through relentlessly the demand for unification as a means of adding tremendous power to the strongest core of the People's Front—the labor core.

Splendid results are being obtained by the co-ordination committee of the Socialist and Communist Parties, which is now beginning to function fully from Valencia.

Working Class Responds

Through it joint appeals and political counsel are issued almost daily to the working class, which responds invariably.

Two things must never be forgotten: first, that although the People's Front policy avoids all gestures at wholesale socialization, for which the people of Spain are not yet ready, and which all the organizations composing the People's Front do not uphold, the government and the trade unions, are now really directing production in all great factories.

To this must be added the important fact for the intellectuals and middle-class youth, that the whole cultural life of Spain is now thrown open to free access of the people.

New Type of Army

The second point is that the old army of the aristocratic hierarchy has now completely disappeared, and in its place is a popular army composed of an armed people, and this army has perforce developed in ten months a hard framework of military commanders who less than a year ago were factory workers, trade unionists, peasants and clerks.

The new powerful army is unanimously in support of the people's government and determination that it shall be the government of victory.

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Basque Children in England Scream & Run From Planes

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They could not believe that the planes would not drop bombs and strafe their ranks with machine gun bullets as German planes had done repeatedly in the Basque village.

Earlier a thunderstorm brought the same consternation.

Affirm Reality of Free Religion In Soviet Union

MOSCOW—Religious freedom is a reality in the Soviet Union in the opinion of the Nanking Supreme Court. The decision, according to the USSR government organ, Izvestia, in upholding the claim of the town of Malmyzh to a legacy made in Tientsin seven years ago.

A Russian emigre, Avdotya Batueva, native of Malmyzh, willed part of her estate to her native town, specifying that religious freedom must exist in the Soviet Union as a condition for carrying out of the bequest. The money was to be used for building a school ten years after her death.

Nina Ragsdale, an adopted daughter who also received part of the estate, sued to have the Soviet legacy annulled on grounds that "religious freedom is impossible" in the Soviet Union. The case was fought in several courts, and the ruling was made in the highest court.

Attorneys for the town of Malmyzh pointed to the complete separation of the church and state in the Soviet Union and cited the constitutional guarantee of complete religious freedom in addition to showing that this freedom exists in fact as well as in law.

The money has been deposited in a London bank and will be available for construction of the school in 1940.

FALSE PROMISES

OTTAWA, Canada—The Liberal Party rode in on its promise in the recent election to relieve unemployment. It now is spending millions for war goods instead.

PLAN FLIGHT OVER ARCTIC, MOSCOW, S.F.

Levanevsky Will Use New Soviet Polar Air Station

MOSCOW—Sigismund Levanevsky, famed Soviet pilot, will again this summer attempt a non-stop flight over the North Pole from Moscow to San Francisco, making use of the new Soviet air base at the North Pole to furnish meteorological information.

This announcement was made here as the polar expedition headed by Dr. Otto J. Schmidt waited at Rudolph Island for better weather to send additional supplies to the eleven men building a Soviet meteorological observatory on an ice floe drifting within twelve miles of the Pole.

The eleven explorers at the Pole were preparing a runway for the landing of more planes when the weather clears, and will construct living accommodations for a group of four to remain at the Pole for a full year, making observations and collecting data for use in a commercial air route.

Levanevsky's scheduled flight would not only serve to bring the non-stop distance flight record to the Soviet Union, but would serve as an experimental flight for the establishment of the air route. He will use a Douglas transport plane.

Although test flights have been under way for several weeks, no announcement was made as to the time of the forthcoming flight.

Upton Sinclair Greets Soviets

MOSCOW — Upton Sinclair, greeting the Soviet Union for the forthcoming 20th anniversary of its founding, declared that, "The hopes of all progressive thinking mankind are with you."

The statement was a part of a short letter which accompanied an article to be published in a book in connection with the anniversary celebration. Sinclair wrote, "I have been following with close attention the course of events in the Soviet Union for the past twenty years. It seems to me that never in the history of humanity have the masses of people achieved such great cultural, political and economic progress."

The text is not exact, since it was re-translated from the Russian in which it was published here.

Mourn Death of Selma Comrade

FRESNO—The Fresno Section of the Communist Party mourns the death of Comrade Paul Goshgarian, of Selma, who was killed recently in an automobile accident. Comrades Charlie Maragesian and Perry Hill spoke at his funeral last Saturday.

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Unite the AFL, CIO, Labor's Non-Partisan League, National Farm Holiday Association, Farmers Union, and all progressive organizations to defeat Wall Street's "economy" drive and secure the adoption of a people's budget.

S. F. Labor Gives Its Opinion of Fascism

A considerable portion of San Francisco trade unionists know how fascism has crushed the trade unions of Germany and Italy and wiped out all democratic rights.

They know that there are fascist forces in America who would deal the same treatment to the trade unions and to the people of America.

Quite naturally, therefore, they moved into action last Tuesday when they could no longer stand to see the hated symbol of Hitlerism the swastika—insultingly flaunted in the faces of San Francisco's people, on Market Street, San Francisco, as part of the decorations for the Golden Gate Bridge fiesta.

The insult was all the harder to bear when the Chamber of Commerce-dominated Fiesta Committee kept the flag of the Soviet Union off the streets, although the Fiesta Committee claimed that flags of all nations recognized by the U. S. Government were being flown. (It is reported since that Soviet flags will be flown ,the result of mass pressure.)

As a further insult to organized labor and the people of San Francisco, Mayor Rossi had the audacity to defend the flying of the fascist flags and to whitewash the absence of the Soviet flag—the banner of a friendly nation.

Coupled with his previous strikebreaking tactics, Rossi's support of fascism is something to be remembered by organized labor for the 1939 mayoralty elections, when Rossi will seek to remain in office. A Labor Ticket is on the order of the day for organized labor to show the mayor that fascist apologists will not be tolerated by the trade unions and the people as a whole.

The Chamber of Commerce expected far too much when it thought that trade unionists of San Francisco, with their traditions of militant and progressive struggles, would take lying down the flagrant display of the emblem of Hitler Nazism, symbol of the worst enemies of organized labor.

The Court's Retreat Must be Followed by Its Reform!

BEWARE of the Greeks when they come bearing gifts!

Two additional concessions made from the stronghold of reaction in the Supreme Court chambers are at once a victory for mass pressure and a new reason for demanding more urgently than ever before that the Supreme Court reform bill be passed without compromise.

When the Supreme Court in its latest important action validated the Social Security Act's social insurance and old-age pension provisions, this was offered to the public as (1) proof that the court now has "'social outlook" and (2) proof that the reform measure is now unnecessary.

Reaction has been forced to retreat, but it is using this retreat as a tactical maneuver to retain intact the usurped power of the court to nullify the acts of congress.

This is the real weapon against the people that the Supreme Court and the forces of reaction it represents are striving to retain by hook or crook. This is the real reason why they oppose the measure to enlarge the court and at the same time remove its false halo of irreproachable "sanctity."

Let every union and progressive organization **reaffirm** its support of the reform measure! Renew the demands on Senators McAdoo and Johnson of California that the bill must be passed without **compromise!**

A Stab in the Back

THE purpose behind the conference held in Cincinnati by the AFL executive council and the officials of a number of the craft internationals could be summed up in no better way than in the words of the American Newspaper Guild.

"We will not be a party to such a betrayal," said the Guild in an official letter to the executive council. And in the words of the New York Joint Board of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Alliance: "The Cincinnati conference has been called to further the split in the labor movement."

Calling for the expulsion of the CIO unions from all central labor bodies and state federations, the executive council makes known beyond a doubt that upon its shoulders lies the full responsibility for attempting to tear the labor movement asunder.

We see the CIO increasing its drive to bring all the Ford workers into the ranks of organized labor. It cracks the independents in steel one by one. Then we get the revolting spectacle of the AFL executive council in the Cincinnati conference doubling the uni ons' per capita, not for the purpose of conducting a genuine campaign to organize the unorganized, but for the purpose of combatting the organizing drives of the CIO and for an attempt to undo the mighty achievements of the CIO in the basic industries of the nation.

Charles P. Howard, speaking at the Cincinnati conference, stated the Typographical International will refuse to pay the increased per capita for such strikebreaking purposes. It is for the membership of the AFL craft unions to spike the AFL council's treason to labor. Refuse to pay the double dues by which the reactionary executive council hopes to carry through its disruptive aims!

Some Truths About Organizing Agriculture

IN a letter to the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, Fred West, Vandeleur-appointed agricultural organizer for the state federation of labor, viciously slanders the rank and file controlled California Federation of Agricultural and Cannery Workers, and informs the local unions "to beware of giving financial aid to this group, who only use the money to disrupt the labor movement."

The Federation of Agricultural and Cannery Workers is an outgrowth of a San Francisco conference, called in February, by the state federation itself. The Vandeleur machine in the state federation found itself unable to control the conference lock, stock and barrel. The delegates to the San Francisco conference adopted a democratic and industrial union program, and insisted on democratic election of the leadership of the agricultural and cannery workers, instead of meek acceptance of handpicked Vandeleur appointees.

The Vandeleur clique then refused to recognize the decisions of its own conference. It proceeded, over the heads of the agricultural and cannery workers, to appoint discredited persons like West and "Pedro Pete" Peterson as organizers in agriculture, and to make Walter Cowan secretary under a craft union setup covering only field workers.

The Federation of Cannery and Agricultural Workers was launched later, in Bakersfield, to carry out the will of the existing cannery and agricultural unions, both AFL and independent. The largest majority of the existing unions recognize and work through this Federation.

They do not recognize the superimposed "leadership," handpicked by Vandeleur. They do not care for the tactics used by that "leadership"—cooperation with the vigilante-Associated Farmers.

They do not feel confident that funds collected by persons like Fred West and A. H. Peterson will actually be used in organizing agriculture.

These are facts which should be borne in mind by the membership of the AFL unions in this state, who should follow the lead of the maritime and other progressive California unions in supporting financially and otherwise the heroic efforts of the Federation of Cannery and Agricultural Workers to bring the 250,000 agricultural and allied workers of California into the trade union fold.

Organization of agriculture would mean a tremendous impetus toward making California labor 100 per cent union.

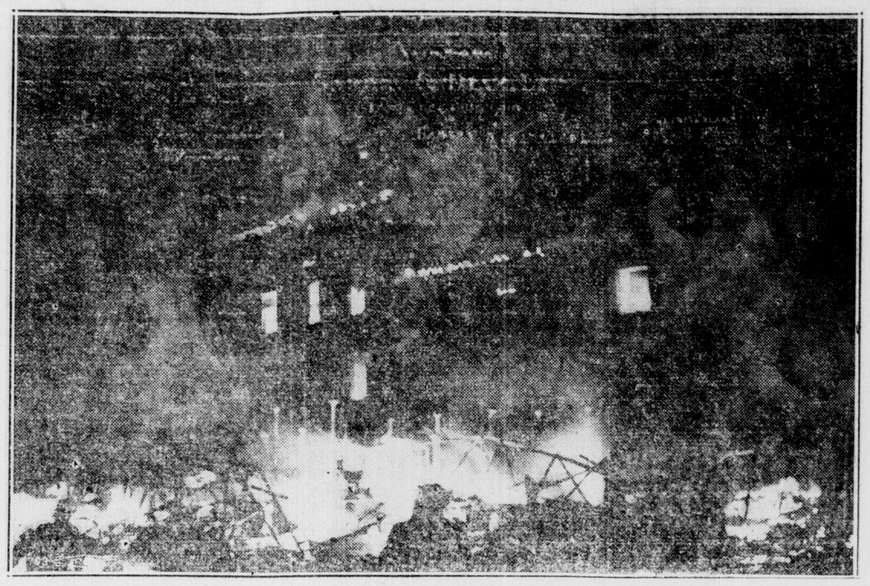
Nazis Defeated in Holland Elections

AMSTERDAM—Voters of the Netherlands thoroughly repudiated the Nazis of Holland in a general parliamentary election Wednesday wherein the fascist party of Dr. Anton A. Mussert received only 171,047 votes out of more than four million cast.

Only four representatives were elected by the Nazis to the lower house which has 100 members. Communists polled 137,000 votes, electing three representatives.

Coalition parties led by Premier Hendrikus Colijn, upholding parliamentary government, retained control.

After Nazis Dropped Bombs on Civilians of Madrid



A PICTURE taken at night on the streets of the Spanish capital, after aviators in German and Italian planes dropped incendiary bombs on the city in an attempt to terrorize the civilian population.

All Help to the Spanish People, Against Fascism!

(Statement of California State Committee, Communist Party, on Spanish Aid Week, June 13 to 20)

"We must and can do more—not only in the form of funds, food, clothing and medical aid—but in arousing hundreds of thousands to come to the aid of the Spanish Peoples Front"—reads the call of the California State Committee of the Communist Party on Spanish Aid Week, June 13-20. The statement follows:

To every Party member in California.

To all friends of Spanish democracy.

With greater courage and heroism than ever before, the Spanish People's Front Government is rallying its force throughout Spain, to smash the fascist hordes and win bread, liberty and land for the millions of working people.

For over ten months now the Spanish defenders of democracy have been fighting with guns in their hands against the barbarous Franco fascists insolently aided by the Italian and German hangmen. They are fighting not only to defend their liberty and independence — but the liberty and peace of the entire world.

California's Solidarity

The savage fascist attack on Guernica—an unfortified town—massacring defenseless women and children, destroying historic buildings, monuments and national shrines, has aroused the anger and indignation of all liberty-loving people of the world. With renewed energy international support to Spain is bringing into action millions in every nook and corner of the world.

California people have shown splendid solidarity with the Spanish republicans. Tens of thousands of Californians have turned out to mass meetings of protest against the fascist invaders.

Tens of thousands of dollars have been collected. Food, clothing and medicine has been sent. Scores of Californians are bravely fighting in the Lincoln Battalion of 2000 Americans—writing with their own blood a glorious page in the historic defense of Spain.

This work must now be further extended. The North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy has issued a nation-wide appeal to all organizations affiliated with it to conduct a Spanish Aid Week beginning May 30th and ending June 9th. In California to guarantee a really powerful response during the week the North American Committee has set the date for Spanish Aid Week for June 13th-20th.

The California State Committee of the Communist Party pledges the fullest support of every single Party member to the successful carrying through of Spanish Aid Week in California. Our Party members have devotedly given their time and energy to support our Spanish fighting brothers. But we must and can do more—not only in the form of funds, food, clothing and medical aid — but in arousing hundreds of thousands to come to the aid of the Spanish People's Front.

Hundreds of thousands in the agricultural fields and farming communities, in the trade unions and mass production industries, in the offices and professions—should be reached and won for the support of the Spanish people in their heroic fight against the 20th Century Tories.

Demonstrations Urged

During the week of June 13-20—organize in the large centers demonstrations before the German and Italian consulates, demanding the immediate withdrawal of military forces from Spain. Develop a broad telephone campaign to the German and Italian consulates showing that the American workers will not tolerate the acts of barbarism perpetrated by the fascist invaders.

Organize huge mass meetings—meetings in every city, town and village—in halls, homes and street corners — bringing forth the glorious battle of the Spanish people for freedom. Issue hundreds of thousands of leaflets to workers, farmers and professional people—calling upon them to come to the meeting, to help the cause of the Spanish people.

Distribute widely the pamphlets on Spain—in English and Spanish—organizing house to house visiting in the cities, visiting of farming communities in the towns and villages.

Use the Western Worker widely. Remember that it can be a regular and vital contact with the people you reach, not only on Spain, but on the live issues confronting them today right here at home. Make special arrangements to distribute widely the special Spanish edition of the Western Worker on Spain which will be off the press on June 11th.

Comrades! On with the preparations for the State-wide Tag Day on June 19th. Have ready collection cans, pledge cards, baskets for food, chocolate, and cigarettes for the boys in the Lincoln Battalion.

Set your quota in every unit, section and county—and get busy at once!

During the week, our Party in California should speak to hundreds of thousands of Californians, involving them in the campaign to support the Spanish people. In this manner, our Party can convince large numbers that we are the most consistent, devoted and loyal defenders of democracy, against fascist reaction.

Hundreds of new fighters must be won into the ranks of the Party during the week. Remember, that by strengthening our Party, we strengthen the most consistent force fighting for the unity of the American people—for an American people's front—a Farmer-Labor Party. Only such unity can drive back fascist reaction in America.

Raise the voice of the people of California against the fascist savagery in Spain. Demand the immediate withdrawal of all fascist troops! Let the U. S. Government know that the American people will not stand for its false neutrality position which boycotts a duly elected Government and helps the fascist invaders. Demand that the U. S. Government place an embargo against Germany and Italy.

Demand that the Franco spy ring uncovered in New York be driven out of the country.

All to the help of the Spanish people—the defenders of life, liberty and peace!

Forward to a people's movement in America—a Farmer-Labor Party.

—Calif. State Committee, Communist Party, U.S.A.

Hearings on East Seamen Begin

NEW YORK — Labor Relations Board hearings opened here May 27 as a preliminary to determining collective bargaining agency on the International Mercantile Marine, Luckenback and Black Diamond Steamship lines.

The hearings were asked by the newly-formed rank and file National Maritime Union, which has secured recognition on the three lines mentioned, and on many others.

The union will present overwhelming proof that it represents the cooks and stewards, firemen and sailors on the three lines, and the companies are expected to sign agreements with the NMU when the collective bargaining agency is determined.

Elections in Lava Cap Gold Mine Co.

NEVADA CITY (Nevada County)—A national Labor Relations Board election will be held at the Lava Cap gold mine to determine collective bargaining representative.

The CIO is confident that the miners will choose the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union over the company-controlled Mine Workers Protective League.

Labor Relations Board Examiner Neal is investigating charges that 80 men were locked out at the Brunswick mine for belonging to the CIO union.

Enter the sub drive contest NOW—competition is growing keener each day.

Portland Council in Illegal ILA Ouster

PORTLAND, Ore.—Ousting of the ILA from the Central Labor Council here was assailed by Paul Heide of ILA 38-44 as "wholly illegal, undemocratic and a violation of every principle of democracy."

The vote to oust was 140 to 110, on William Green's order that the Council unseat the ILA because that union refuses to surrender Warehousemen to the Teamsters at Meier and Frank and other companies.

Bill to Cut Tax On Rich Defeated In the Assembly

SACRAMENTO—A bill by Assemblyman Robertson of Santa Barbara County to reduce the state income tax on large incomes has been killed by the lower house. The bill would have benefitted 1713 wealthy residents of California, but would have cost the state $8,000,000 on taxes.

CIO Asks Lassen Lumber Election

WESTWOOD (Lassen County)—The Westwood local of the CIO United Wood Workers has petitioned the Labor Relations Board for an election on collective bargaining representative for the Red River Lumber Company's employes. Balloting on May 11 showed the CIO was favored, but the company decided for the 4-L company union outfit.

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AS WE SEE IT

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,
California State Secretary, Communist Party, U. S. A.

Next Steps for the Seamen

The referendum being taken by the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, on whether to remain in the ISU or take steps for affiliation to the CIO, can become a great step forward in the direction of national unity of the seamen and a National Maritime Federation. The East Coast seamen withdrew from the ISU, formed the National Maritime Union, and favor a national unity convention together with the West Coast unions to discuss affiliation nationally to the CIO. The West Coast Marine Firemen and the Stewards Dept. already went on record in support of the stand of the National Maritime Union. Now, if the Sailors Union will take a stand for CIO affiliation, it will be the last blow completely to oust the reactionary ISU officialdom, and establish a progressive national union of the seamen. It will make it possible to look forward to the building of National Maritime Federation, based on the CIO program of industrial unionism, which will unite the seamen and longshoremen nationally into a powerful force in the maritime industry.

NATIONAL SEAMEN'S CONVENTION

The West Coast Unions must do everything in their power to speed the calling of a Seamen's national unity convention, by the East and West Coast district unions, democratically elected, to set up a national organization. It will re-unite the East and West Coast seamen in firm bonds of solidarity, expressed in the past through solidarity strikes and other actions. It will eliminate once and for all jurisdictional disputes between the two Coasts, which only help the shipowners and the ISU top officials.

NATIONAL MARITIME FEDERATION

The ILA Pacific Coast District is fully behind such a program for the seamen, as well as wholeheartedly supporting the CIO. The Marine Engineers Beneficial Association is already taking steps for affiliation to the CIO. The American Radio Telegraphists Association are already affiliated as a national organization, a component part of the CIO. The prospects for a National Maritime Federation are very bright indeed. The adoption of a program looking in that direction, at the coming convention of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, opening in Portland on June 7th, and the holding of a national unity convention of the seamen in the near future, are the immediate next steps for a National Maritime Federation.

500 at Tom Mooney Rally in Fresno

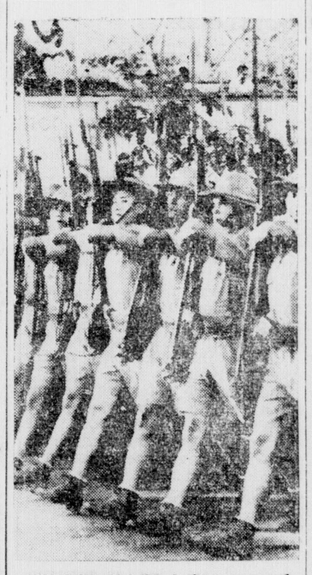
FRESNO—Five hundred Fresnans attended the Tom Mooney mass meeting here last Saturday.

They gave Mooney's attorney, George P. Davis, a big ovation when he predicted the people of Fresno would be called to a second meeting next fall with Mooney himself there to speak.

Court Hits Teamsters

OAKLAND—Striking a blow at progressive unionism, Superior Judge Conlan on Wednesday set aside a temporary order restraining the Teamsters International from interfering with activities of the Oakland local. The local's request for a temporary injunction was also denied.

(International officials jerked the charter of Local 70 because the latter refused to pass through ILA Warehousemen's picket lines at struck cannery plants.)



SCHOOL BOYS being pressed into military reserve service in the Philippines. People of Islands have formed a People's Front to fight for rights of the population.

Cal Pack Guard Gets Off; Wounded Picket

OAKLAND — Despite abundant proof of guilt, Sumner Dodge, California Packing guard, was acquitted this week of charges of assault with a deadly weapon against Warehousemens Union pickets. Dodge admitted firing a shot. He claimed he fired into the air, but the state charged he wounded a picket.

'Continue PWA'

SACRAMENTO — Memorializing congress to continue the Public Works Administration for another two years, the state assembly urged that "this legislation include a specific provision that artisans and workers may be employed through organized labor and through federal employment services without the necessity of first declaring themselves as indigents or relief clients."

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LABOR HOLIDAY DECLARED BY IDAHO MINERS—KERN COUNTY AGRICULTURE NEWS—LUMBER WORKERS UNIONIZING

WORKERS' CORRESPONDENCE

SONOMA COUNTY COMMUNIST PARTY FIGHTS ANTI-PICKETING LAW AND DEMANDS SUPERVISORS RESCIND IT.

Long Beach Widow Wins Out in Fight Against Eviction

IDAHO MINERS WALK OUT ON LABOR HOLIDAY

Conditions Sought Safety and Healthful In the Mines

By a Miner

MULLAN, Idaho—Fighting for safety provisions and more healthful conditions in the Morning and Page mines, the International Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers, Mullan Local No. 9 and Kellogg Local No. 18, declared a labor holiday at these mines.

At a mass meeting in Mullan on May 16, there was a big crowd from all over the district. The meeting was addressed by union officials, including C. T. Vaughn, who made a very impressive speech about conditions in the mines, and also by Mr. Erwin, secretary of the Labor Council at Wallace, Idaho.

Unions Issue Statement

The union issued a statement "so that the public may be fully informed of the circumstances leading up to the 'labor holiday' declared at 6 a. m. on May 14, 1937, at the Morning and Page Mines of the Federal Mining and Smelting Co. by the Mullan Miners Union Local No. 9 and the Kellogg Miners Union Local No. 18." The statement pointed to:

"(1) The unnecessary killing of 10 men last October, due to rotten equipment and careless attention of officials to safety equipment.

"(2) The dirty, foul and verminous condition of the Morning mine with its intense heat and lack of clean air.

"(3) The absolute disregard of the company to official communications of this union, not even deigning to answer or acknowledge receipt.

Discrimination Against Union Members

"(4) The unlawful discrimination against union members which is being done daily by an employee and official of this company, Geo. T. Edmiston, who is the company's personnel manager and employment agent.

"(5) The 'petty fogging' of the management in conference, regarding the matter of whether the company is engaged in interstate commerce and so coming under the provisions of the Wagner Labor Relations Act, while at the same time offering us the East Helena Agreement, thereby proving interstate commerce.

"(6) Offering the East Helena Agreement which would have us sign away a goodly part of the privileges guaranteed us under the Labor Relations Act.

Move Against Foul Air

"(7) The refusal of the management to even consider the 8-hour portal to portal, which has been adopted in several of the large mines in the district, and considering the foul air in the Morning Mine, is eminently fair and should be put into practice.

"(8) The condition of Joe Johnson's lungs, a part of which organs are on display in the union office.

"(9) The recent physical examination (not in itself but in the manner in which it is used.)

"(10) The present Hospital contract which the men are paying for and is not a gift from the company and which the men have no voice in the making of."

The union statement further reads:

For Normal, Healthy Lives

"We, the union boys, feel that the request made of the management of the Morning and Page Mines is very modest and we point to the fact that in only one request would we raise the cost of operation for the company.

"That request is in the 8-hour portal to portal and due to air conditions and dust conditions, we feel that this is not unreasonable and ask it in humanity's name to give the miner and especially his dependents the chance to live normal, healthy lives, surely not an unreasonable request.

"We have closed the liquor stores and are conducting the most gentlemanly procedure that has ever been seen in the entire world, and we hope that the company will honor that procedure as we know you, the public, will.

Appeals to Public

"Previous to the Holiday, Mr. Washburn was advised by the committee that they stood ready and willing at any time of the day or night to negotiate further on their proposed agreement.

"We want to ask that the general public refuse to believe the many rumors that are current on the streets. Whispering campaigns are not new weapons to fight labor, so watch out for them. Bulletins will come from union headquarters on any new developments, and none other will be genuine."

PLEDGES 30 SUBS; CAN YOU TOP IT?

Glendale.

Editor, Western Worker:

I assure you that if anyone bests me in Los Angeles County in the Western Worker Circulation Drive, and I hope there are those who will, they are going to have to step. I pledge 30 subs (yearly) before the drive ends.

Comradely yours,

WM. E. SHERWOOD.

YOUNG FILIPINO WORKER ON THE CLASS STRUGGLE

Tells How He Learned Necessity of Fight for Socialism

By a Filipino Worker

BAKERSFIELD, Kern County—I am a wandering young Filipino just out of school, an alien looking toward the angry American sun, working from hand to mouth, writing in a borrowed room, now living on a farm with bare existence like millions of other working men.

I don't know how to be an American, an Englishman or a Frenchman, but I know how it feels now to be one of these men. They taught me through their books, and now I am beginning to understand.

There is a great deal to learn, if you serve them as I did in the past. It can be learned from the winking of an eye, pursing of a mouth, the clamor of a riveter, the flight of an airplane, a picture, a book, or a debutante drinking coffee at the back cover of a national magazine. Every world renowned man or woman has a very ugly or vulgar private life with his or her dollars at his command.

I became wakeful. And in my wakefulness, I began to realize that capitalism is the greatest monarch that causes the misery of millions of men, women and children, misery which is unnecessary in this land of plenty—plenty for the few but none for the majority; that religion is the opium to the mind; that the only salvation of civilization is the triumph of the working class.

And now I see that the entire system is wrong and the people must undergo a new system to replace the old one. A system which will guarantee the rights of the people.

It will be a grave mistake if Wall Street thinks they can continue exploiting, corrupting, enslaving the masses forever, making enormous profit out of the work of the workers. The people are no longer dumb for in them speak many tongues, yet with one common purpose.

The voices of the workers are being heard by the higher officials of the government. The government knows that the workers are uniting together, and the millionaires shiver at this unity of the workers. The rise of so many victorious strikes signifies the unity and solidarity of the workers, but their victories do not mean that they have won their ultimate aim. The workers will not stop organizing themselves until the authority and power of the people emanates from them.

AGRICULTURAL CAMPS PACKED WITH STOOLIES

Delano Contractors In Secret Anti-Union Meet

By an Agricultural Worker

DELANO, Kern County—A rumor is heard that the Filipino contractors and bosses in Delano and vicinity held a secret meeting among themselves to clean their camps of union-talk boys and members of any union except a company union.

Their camps are infested with stoolpigeons in watch for any labor leader and boys who talk about the possibility of having or even joining a union. Any one that complains of the disgraceful conditions and surroundings in which they live, is watched and put out of the camp.

Why hold secret meetings?

Grow Rich With Working Masses

We are already accustomed to expect the most bitterly anti-union actions among you, bosses and contractors, with your big grower boss with which you share the profit of our work. Don't forget that you are also workers.

You are following the corruptive example of your bosses. You want to grow, get rich quick, by sucking our blood and strength. But to us workers who sincerely work for the cause of the working class, we want to grow rich with the working masses.

Discrimination on Napa WPA Job

By a WPA Worker

NAPA—D. A. Sanborn politically placed manager of National Re-Employment office is answering to whims of the American Legion and petty bourgeoisie insofar as the cries of the oppressed laborer are concerned.

Villadsen Bros., Oakland contracting firm, rebuilding Napa Union High School, is using about 50 per cent local help. Out of this 50 per cent, discrimination of the workers is used, and a choice few always get to work, while the rest, who appear ready for work every morning, are sent home and told to come back in the afternoon or following morning.

Practically each and every morning amounts to the same thing, the same few working while the rest go home and follow an eternal circle.

A so-called "temporary lay-off" is now in progress owing to oversight of engineers and contractors. For some of the workers the "temporary lay-off" is permanent. The lay-off is supposed to be pending arrival and decision of state inspectors on safety or reinforcement of walls which are crumbling.

HOUR AND WAGE LEGISLATION

WASHINGTON—Guesses that hour and wage legislation will be recommended to Congress this session are pretty good, President Roosevelt told reporters. He declined to give details.

GLENDALE SCHOOL BOARD HIT

Citizens Protest Firing of Jr. College Dean Of Women by Reactionaries

By a Worker Correspondent

GLENDALE, L. A. County—Amid jeers and threats of recall, three members of the Board of Education lamely attempted May 18 to justify their dismissal of Miss Frances E. E. Kallstedt as dean of women at Glendale Junior College.

More than 100 friends of Miss Kallstedt packed the Board's meeting to demand an explanation of why she was discharged. Previous reasons given were because of "political pressure" brought on the board by her friends.

Charges Illegal Action

Scathing remarks of comment, seasoned well with biting sarcasm, came thick and fast from students and adults alike, including one of the board members, Mrs. Roy L. Adamson, who cast one of the two dissenting votes against the expulsion last week.

Mrs. Adamson, oldest member of the board in point of service, caused a sensation when she charged Miss Kellstedt was demoted from her place as director of personnel last year illegally. This action was taken, according to Mrs. Adamson, at a special meeting of the board without her knowledge; therefore she was not present and had no opportunity to cast her vote.

J. W. Everington, secretary of the North Glendale Citizens' League, threatened to start recall proceedings, after H. Park Arnold, president of the board, refused to give any explanation of the nature of the "political pressure" that had been brought.

Militant action, presumably by the students, was very manifest in placards in evidence on sign boards, telephone poles and stop signs all over Glendale last night. Police were kept busy tearing them down and they were replaced as fast as they were torn down. The placards read: IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW **WHY** THE DEAN HAS BEEN REMOVED.

Reactionary Tactic

Jesse E. Smith, Glendale Ford automobile dealer, demanded the people go home and attend to their own business, that the board was elected by the people to serve the interests of the "tax payers," and they should understand that they knew best what to do in such matters better than the people. When asked if he had any children in the schools, he replied that he sent his children to the Holy Family school.

Dr. George W. Blanche, newly elected member of the board, who voted with Mrs. Adamson against Miss Kallstedt's dismissal, took no part in the discussion.

S. F. AUTO SALESMEN WIN GAINS

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO — After several weeks of negotiations, an agreement has been signed by Wm. Street, president of the Motor Car Dealers Assn., and Gerry Rhodes, business agent for the Retail Automobile Salesmen's Union, Local 1067.

The agreement, which affects 600 auto salesmen, calls for drawing account and sliding scale of commissions, and better working conditions.

KERN COUNTY'S FIELD WORKERS JOINING UNION

Workers Plan to Make Delano 100 Per Cent Union-Minded

By an Agricultural Worker

DELANO, Kern County—Kern County workers, especially among the Filipino and Mexican brothers, are beginning to realize the value of unionism by joining the rank-and-file union of the Agricultural Field Workers Union, Local No. 20,289.

Now any call by the contractors and field bosses for workers to work in the cannery, is booed with indignant uproar.

Fifteen joined the union instead of going through the scabbing system of the bosses and contractors.

Fifteen new members made it plain that they prefer to eat plain rice, tortilla or soup for the nine months, rather than to scab against their brothers and sisters.

100% Union Town is Aim

We won't stop organizing ourselves until we make the incorporated town of Delano a union-minded town. This is a challenge to us, and this is a challenge to workers who are not yet affiliated to the rank-and-file union of their own choosing.

Now it's also our turn to wait for these bosses and contractors to join us in our rank-and-file workers' union, for they themselves are workers like us. It is high time for them to realize that they are workers and being worked also by the big profiteers and growers.

Profiteers of the L. A. Railway

By a Worker Correspondent

LOS ANGELES—I have sent out several hundred circular letters to street car employees, so that they might know the actual conditions, and also sent copies to various newspapers. Part of the letter reads:

Mr. Storr, president of L. A. Railway, was given that position, for he represents certain Eastern and local capitalists, who are interested in the L. A. Ry.

Enormous Profits

Storr is just a figurehead, who carries the name, but S. M. Haskins, former president, is the one acting for his firm of lawyers, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, with offices at 634 S. Spring, and they use J. Stuart Neary, one of the members of the firm, as their chief spokesman.

All draw enormous salaries, and as Haskins is now president of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Assn. here in L. A., they grind all their employees down to the lowest wages. You all know the M. & M. is organized for one purpose, to keep L. A. an open-shop town, and that means pay the lowest wages that it is possible to get folk to work for.

Progressive Moves By SF Laborers

By a Laborer

SAN FRANCISCO—Two progressive motions were passed with large majorities at a recent regular meeting of Laborers Union, Local 261. One was in regard to the new working agreement that is being drawn up by the negotiations committee.

The motion called for a reading of the agreement to the membership section by section, and that the vote, also to be taken section by section, be taken the following week. Last year the agreement was read and voted on at the same meeting, with no chance being given to amend or change the same in any way.

The other motion calls for union officials to hold no more than two official positions in the union at one time. At the present time there are officials who hold as many as five or six such jobs, thus monopolizing this field.

UNIONIZATION IS BIG NEED IN TUOLUMNE

Lumber Workers' Pay Low: Machinists In 2 Walkouts

JAMESTOWN, Tuolumne County—I am writing you in regards to what I consider an emergency situation in regards to Tuolumne County labor situation. I have carried the brunt of the battle, and I believe I have been successful in forestalling all fascist moves.

Of course, fascism is in embryo here, as it is everywhere. Tuolumne County has its committee of 101, a fascist organization, and we have several would-be Hitlers, but I have endeavored to win the intelligentsia as much as possible, always keeping in mind that I had to maintain contact with the workers.

Co. Fears Unionism

The West Side Lumber Co. at Tuolumne is going to open soon and has raised wages seven cents an hour to 50 cents an hour for common labor, and all other branches above in the same ratio.

There have been two walkouts in the machine shop as the machinists refuse to work at the low wages being paid, and the talk of a strike has become so general that this small concession has been granted, so that a strike would be forestalled.

The Pickering Lumber Co., with a plant at Standard, has just been granted a $2,500,000 loan from the R.F.C. to resume operations and has just begun rehabilitation work on the railroad leading into the woods, and has hired 60 men at the magnificent sum of 42½ cents per hour.

These men are charged $1.35 per diem for board and presumably will work six days per week; 42½ cents times 8 equals $3.40 minus $1.35 equals $2.05 times 6, equals $12.30, minus $1.35 which will be charged for the holy sabbath day, and we have the "true American wage scale" of $11.05 or $44 per month.

Taking an additional 6 per cent we have to subtract $2.84 from the worker for sales and insecurity tax, both state and national in the order named, or $44.20 minus $2.84, or $41.76 actual wages.

Wants Union Organizers

My object in communicating with you is to see if you can acquaint me with some organization in the lumber industry that can aid me in organizing these men. These 60 men who went into the woods to repair the railroad are rumored to be going on strike, and discontent is rife among them. I believe a golden opportunity will be lost to organize them and that the strike will most probably be crushed by vigilante action, if these men are not protected and guided on the path to true unionism.

I have sown the seed now, but it will be up to some union man of your acquaintance to reap the harvest. I occupy the position of the man who can not be a prophet in his own country. I was born here where I sit writing, of pioneer people who made this country.

IRISH WORKER COMPARES U.S. WITH IRELAND

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO—As a student in Dublin, over 40 years ago, I read in the history books that "owing to English misrule and mismanagement, Ireland was full of broken and desperate men." Existing conditions in the U. S. seem to furnish a parallel to the foregoing statement.

Crime is rampant and on the increase. The mounting cost of education does not solve it. The Church has failed (vide Spain).

Jails, pens, asylums are overflowing, and the morgues are full of "stiffs" who died from malnutrition. Unemployment is still on the upgrade, and WPA has not solved it.

Yes, the U. S. is becoming like Ireland, full of broken and desperate men.

100 S.F. Millinery Workers Lose Jobs When Co. Folds Up

By a Millinery Worker

SAN FRANCISCO — Catalina Hat Co., 1061 Market St., one of the oldest established ladies' millinery manufacturers in the west and known throughout the U.S., closed its doors last week, putting over 100 millinery workers out of a job. It was the first 100 per cent union shop in S. F. E. Falk, head of the firm, did not blame the union but general market conditions.

Workers' Alliance Helps Get Home for Stranded Family

Blocks Intimidation By Cops; Victory In Solidarity

By an Unemployed Worker

LONG BEACH—Evicted from her home by City Marshall Nelson assisted by the landlord, E. W. Hawkins, Mrs. Roxie Copelin, a widow, with her four children and two-year-old grandson, camped at the curbstone in the 2400 block on Long Beach Blvd. for three days and two nights.

Steadfastly refusing to budge until her family was provided with a house with a month's rent paid, Mrs. Copelin, with the aid of the members of Local 1, Workers Alliance, sat it out with the Long Beach police department and won a 100 per cent victory.

1500 See Demonstration

On Saturday alone, it is estimated, no less than 1500 people in cars, tourists and home town folks, stopped at the demonstration, read the large painted sign placed in front of her household goods on the main highway of the Southland, and several calls went into City Hall.

In California less than a year, the family was refused aid by all the local and state agencies. When the LACRA wanted to ship them back to Texas, Mrs. Copelin said:

"We endured untold misery there, and have no relatives or friends to return to. The last winter we were there, they turned off our gas. Snow was on the ground and my 14 year old daughter was critically ill.

"The children and I picked up coal along the railroad tracks. The city promised me a stove to burn it in but none ever came. The doctor said my girl had to have a change of climate, so we sold our household effects and came to California. Now they want to send us back there to starve some more. My girl gained 20 pounds since we were here, although we often did not have enough to eat. We will not go back. All I ask is a chance to support my family."

Mrs. Copelin had rented a house and paid her rent by washing and cleaning for the landlady. Her girl worked in her office outside of school hours. But on May 11, this arrangement was ended without warning and the family served with a three day eviction notice.

The support of the Workers Alliance helped Mrs. Conlin to withstand the pressure of the Police Department and city officials. Every effort was made to induce her to give up her fight and go to the Salvation Army shelter.

Even "well meaning" citizens who pitied the family's plight and who keenly felt the disgrace of such a demonstration on the main street of our fair city, urged her to accept the temporary "hospitality." But Mrs. Copelin stood firm for security which to her meant a full month's rent paid in advance! Saturday morning two police sergeants (badge nos. 3 and 96) promised they would get her a house "within an hour" but they never came back.

Juvenile officers made life miserable for the children attempting to use them to break the mother's resolution. Detective Sgt. T. A. Wishon and Sgt. Harris attempted a "private" interview with Mrs. Copelin, but she insisted that the Workers Alliance committee members be present.

Wishon, who for five years was head of the notorious "red squad" here, told Mrs. Copelin that she would get no help while she had "anything to do with that woman," referring to Nina McNamee, leader of the Workers Alliance. Harris threatened to take her children from her and parcel them out in different homes that would accept them, "whether you want it or not."

Meanwhile, delegations of visiting Sciots attending the convention here stopped at the demonstration. Visitors and local people alike kept busy the telephones of the City Manager, the Humane Society, the Board of Education and the ministers of all denominations. And Mrs. Copelin sat tight.

Mayor Eaton was hobnobbing with LaGuardia at the Conference of Mayors in Los Angeles. Ostensibly there in the interest of solving the crisis in relief, his contribution was an invitation to the visiting mayors to "come to Long Beach and take a swim."

Then the opposition collapsed. Officers Wishon paid the rent of a house that Mrs. McNamee, Workers Alliance leader, located or the family (it is rumored the Servicemen's Club put up the money—certainly Wishon didn't.)

Through the Workers Alliance Mrs. Copelin secured work and THEY ARE NOT GOING BACK TO TEXAS.



PHOTO SHOWS Mrs. Roxie Copelin, widow, with her four children and two-year-old grandson, after they were evicted from their Long Beach home. See story on right for details of how her fight for a home was won. (Photo by a Worker Correspondent.)

SONOMA COUNTY PICKET BAN IS FOUGHT BY C. P.

Leaflet Demands Rescinding Of Anti-Labor Ordinance

By a Worker Correspondent

PETALUMA, Sonoma County—The Communist Party of Sonoma County has issued a leaflet demanding the rescinding by the Board of Supervisors of the anti-picket law, which makes it a misdemeanor punishable by fine or imprisonment to "engage in any form of picketing in which threats, duress, coercion, intimidation, use of profanity, abuse or acts of violence are INVOLVED!"

The leaflet states:

Viciously Anti-Labor Law

"If a scab curses or threatens union pickets, the pickets can be clapped in jail.

"If a big grower coerces or intimidates union pickets, it means a fine or jail for the pickets.

"If the vigilante Associated Farmers kidnap, beat, club, tear gas, tar and feather or otherwise involve a picket, it means jail and a fine for everyone engaged in happening.

"It can't happen here?

Sabotages Farmers' Interests

"This ordinance is a direct sabotage of the interests of farmers of Sonoma County; the agricultural workers mindful of the black name given our county by the vigilante atrocities of 1935 and recognizing the viciousness of this ordinance, will be prone to boycott our harvest season.

"Organized Labor must demand the removal of this club over its head.

"Everyone interested in the peace and prosperity of Sonoma County must protest this fascist encroachment upon democratic rights.

"Resolutions and delegations should flood the supervisors until they rescind this ordinance."

Housewives Want Clean Kitchen

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO — The Housewives' Unit, Communist Party, has started reconnoitering around our kitchen at 121 Haight St., with the beautiful plan in mind of turning this general mess into something very, very desirable.

Several comrades have offered to cooperate in a clean-up by way of the paint brush—but we haven't any paint. The floor, chairs and tables are to be painted. We want paint and linoleum donated for the tops of the tables.

For Informal Meetings

We have in mind to make this kitchen a room of such warmth and friendliness that it will of itself draw people to it. We believe some of our smaller, less formal meetings could be held here to good advantage.

We are open to receive donations of equipment from a hotel range to a clean kitchen. Address Housewives' Unit, 121 Haight St.

FIGHT JAPAN OPPRESSION

KALGAN China—As a result of the oppression by the Japanese people in Tungliao district Jehol province staged a militant demonstration. Puppet soldiers under Liu Hsiuhsin have been rushed to the area.

WORKER IN IDAHO SETS SUB PACE!

'Way up in Idaho is a worker correspondent who is setting a faster pace in the "Western" Circulation Drive than correspondents right here in California; although he is no longer young, this comrade is a veteran in the class struggle and knows the importance of building the "Western" circulation. This far, through several bundle orders of issues containing his stories, he has turned in four subscriptions.

If this can be done in Idaho, it's much easier right here in California for our worker correspondents. Let's hear of some results! Use this page to win new readers and subscribers for your paper and mine!

—Workers' Correspondence Editor.

Fight for Relief In New Mexico

By a Worker Correspondent

ROSWELL, New Mexico—The workers of New Mexico are bitterly fighting the tightening up of WPA and other relief, and as a result Roswell had a very bitter trial turning the municipal court into a daring rebuke by the working class against their oppressors here in the Pecos Valley.

The workers' leaders are being kangarooed in various towns such as Artesia, Roswell and Santa Fe.

In Roswell a very vicious vag law has been passed, which allows the frame-up on almost any kind of a labor demonstration, calling it an offense under the vag law. Criticizing the local relief set-up or city authorities is sufficient.

On April 15, H. G. Rauert, Communist Party organizer, was arrested and convicted to serve 30 days on the chain gang or pay a $50 fine and costs. Comrade Rauert fought this case upon its class nature, forcing the city authorities upon the defense all through the trial.

His conviction is working as a boomerang here, with the workers aroused against the frame-up. The authorities evidently intended to intimidate the workers, but failed.

Anti-Foreign Born Bill Condemned

WASHINGTON—In letters to the Senate Committee on Immigration, Secretary of State Hull and Secretary of Labor Perkins have denounced the anti-foreign born legislation introduced by Senator Robert R. Reynolds, of North Carolina, and Rep. Joe Starnes, of Alabama.

(Starnes and Reynolds have introduced three bills in the 75th Congress which are backed by William Randolph Hearst. One provides for the mandatory deportation of all non-citizens on relief and for the mandatory deportation of "alien criminals and spies." Another would cut all immigration quotas 90 per cent and provides also for the registration and fingerprinting of non-citizens. A third bill would prohibit the employment of any non-citizen by the Government in any capacity.)

Secretary Hull and Secretary Perkins denounced the Starnes Reynolds bills as unnecessary and unwise.

Calif. Young Democrats Adopt Labor Platform at Semi-Annual Convention

By MATT PELMAN

The semi-annual convention of the Young Democrats of California, which was held in Santa Barbara on May 21st and 22nd, expressed the growing progressive trend among the young Democrats of California. In spite of bitter fighting over the plums of political patronage, which centered around the election of a State President, the convention unanimously adopted a platform, which many progressives have the illusion will be "a lever to push the Democrat party towards a more definite progressive stand."

The unprincipled fight over political jobs, which finally resulted in the election of David Gil of Los Angeles, as State President for the ensuing two years, contradicted the much vaunted "unity of the Young Democrats as contrasted to the disunity existing in the ranks of the older Democratic Party." The same forces which are at work in the Democratic Party are also present within "Young Democracy." The same MacAdoo-Creel reactionaries and their stooges are at work among the Young Democrats. The lack of any opposition whatsoever on the floor of the convention to the progressive platform adopted, is by no means an indication of unanimity in the desire to carry such a program into effect.

Platform

Prefaced by declarations such as "The Democratic Party is the party of the masses," the convention adopted a complete platform for the coming Gubernatorial elections under the slogan "A Democratic State in 1938." Its essential planks are the following:

LABOR: For the right to organize, strike and picket without interference. Against any modifications of the favorable clauses in the Wagner Labor Relations Act. Against compulsory arbitration and the issuance of anti-labor injunctions. Strict enforcement of the Child Labor Laws. Support of the Little Wagner Act (Yorty Bill).

CIVIL RIGHTS: Repeal of the C. S. Law. Vigorous prosecution of any form of vigilantism. Against the use of highway police in labor disputes.

Unity of Youth

YOUTH: Here the platform calls for the essence of the California Youth Act, without naming it. A state Youth Commission. Aid to needy students. Extension of Vocational Training. Projects for jobless youth. Extension of NYA appropriations. A more adequate educational system in the agricultural areas.

The platform further calls for the repeal of the Sales Tax. For adequate Social and Health Insurance system in the State. For the immediate convening of a constitutional convention and a unicameral legislature. The program dealt with other matters such as agricultural civil service reforms, etc. in a definitely progressive manner.

A resolution endorsing Roosevelt's Supreme Court Proposal and condemning any attempts to revise or kill it was adopted with an ovation.

On the issues of Peace, a resolution was adopted endorsing "Roosevelt's good neighbor policy," "the present neutrality policy" and then contradicting itself by urging "unity of the democracies against aggressor nations." The resolution ended by calling for "a referendum before a declaration of war except in the case of invasion or internal rebellion."

Vague on Unemployment

The great burning issue of unemployment was left to a short and inadequate resolution which merely endorsed the WPA. Nor is there anything in the program concerning it except a brief mention in the section on Social Insurance. The persecution and discrimination in practice against racial minorities in the state was almost entirely neglected. Sharp condemnation was made of the present Merriam Republican administration on every occasion.

In spite of its many confusions, contradictions and its serious omissions of some of the most acute needs of the people, the program is the most advanced ever adopted by the Young Democrats and a sign of the growing pressure and sentiment for progressive action.

The growing recognition of the need for unity among progressives was contained in the preamble of the platform which calls for cooperation among all young people in California in order to carry out the provisions of the platform.

Opposition to some of the more strongly worded planks and resolutions were expressed only in committee rooms, on the basis that the raising of "controversial issues" would "alienate one or another kind of people" from the Democratic campaign in 1938. These were the Ham Cotton-MacAdoo-Creel forces who hypocritically spoke for "unity—at any cost—on whatever basis." A unity which could only bring about a Democratic administration as reactionary as that of Merriam himself. Their only differences with Merriam were that they want a Democratic Governor so that they could profit thru the distribution of political plums which that would entail.

However the progressive sentiment was too strong for them. It was also better organized than it had ever been previously. Progressive caucuses in the form of study groups had been in progress for several months before the convention in both North and South communicating with each other their discussions and conclusions regarding a program.

Shrewd Reaction

In face of the strong liberal sentiment, the MacAdoo crowd shrewdly took the position which would contrast them favorably with the reactionary Republicans. Also they wanted to avert any break on platform of progressives away from the Democratic Party and into some new alignment. They accepted the program as a matter of political expediency with no intention whatsoever to carry it into effect.

That is why there was no opposition nor any question on the floor of the convention when the program was read. That is why even those "Democrats" who had voted and worked for Merriam as against Upton Sinclair in 1934, and even those who had actively campaigned for Landon (as did the Westwood Young Democrats) joined the unanimous vote of the honest progressives by which the program was adopted.

Reactionary Democrats

Merriam is not the only foe of the large number of honest progressives amongst the Young Democrats. Just as nationally it is already rumored that the Republican Party will be glad to support for re-election all those reactionary Democrats who want to knife the court reform and other progressive Roosevelt measures, so in California the Liberty Leaguers have powerful friends within Roosevelt's own party.

The progressives of "Young Democracy" will only begin to gather strength if they realize this and recognize the Ham Cotton-MacAdoo, Creel forces and all those who align themselves with them as their reactionary enemy within their own ranks.

If the program will remain only a platform of words, it will serve the purposes of MacAdoo and his crowd very well, and only serve to delude many people into believing that even those enemies of progress who wear the mantle of Democracy are friends of the People.

The fight against reaction both without and within the Democratic movement must be begun now—today. Not merely in written declarations, but in deeds.

It will be the objective of the reactionaries to stifle discussion on the platform. The progressives must give it the widest circulation. To have discussions on it in every Young Democratic organization. This would serve many purposes, especially that of clarifying the issues, correcting contradictory sections such as those contained in the Peace Resolution, and help organize a progressive wing more strongly. The rank and file of "Young Democracy" must be imbued with the sentiment that only such candidates as can be depended to carry the provisions of the program into life can be supported.

Support Labor!

A thousand and one opportunities to put the program into immediate action arise daily in every community of California. Such action on the part of the progressives would mean rendering every possible support to labor in its intensive and successful organization drives. Every sign of repression, police brutality, issuance of injunctions, etc. should be vigorously protested by the progressive Young Democrats in cooperation with all other progressive and pro-labor organizations.

On every one of the numerous issues raised in the platform similar action can be taken by the progressives.

To be effective and consistent such action entails cooperation with all groups and organizations which on one issue or another see eye to eye with the progressive Young Democrats. The presence of young Democrats in the Youth Assemblies is a healthy sign and their activity there should be extended.

Clashes Inevitable

In carrying out such a program the progressive young Democrats will inevitably clash with the reactionaries in their own party, who are in every way attempting to violate the mandate of the people as given in the last presidential elections.

The fight for carrying out that mandate will serve to isolate and expose all who stand in the way of a real program for the betterment of the people. They will throw a powerful light on those who are the friends and the others who are the enemies of the "common man." They will help route the way for the creation of a new political alignment, a "common people's" alignment—a farmer labor party.

FIGHT SALES TAX

AUSTIN, Tex.—Although they have defeated a sales tax many times, Texas people are having to rally to defeat another plot by utilities and natural resources of Texas who are again trying to saddle a sales taxes on them.

Birds of a Feather Heil Together



BARON CONSTANTIN VON NEURATH (at left), Nazi foreign minister, with County Ciano, who holds same post under Mussolini, salutes blackshirt guard on arrival at Rome, to strengthen war-plotting "Berlin-Rome axis," a menace to democracy of the world.

Deliver the Jobs, Says Alliance to East Bay C. of C.

OAKLAND—The Oakland and the United States Chambers of Commerce have a chance to make good their statements that private industry is absorbing the unemployed and making relief work projects unnecessary.

A letter from the Alameda County Workers' Alliance calls upon the C. of C. to put to work "in private industry at prevailing union rates of pay" the 12,000 who are now on relief projects in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

The letter follows:

"Oakland Chamber of Commerce,
"Oakland, Calif.
"Gentlemen:

"We are informed that the national office of your organization is leading the fight in Congress to severely cut or completely eliminate the Works Progress Administration.

"We Want Jobs"

"The public press has constantly proclaimed the assertions of the United States Chamber of Commerce that there are now available jobs in private industry for all those who are able and desire to work. We who are now on WPA or direct relief are very desirous of again securing jobs in private industry at our trades or professions.

Contrary to the assertions of your organizations we workers here in Alameda County find it impossible to secure these jobs. Now that you assert that such jobs are available we demand of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce that you immediately place the 12,000 workers now on WPA in this and Contra Costa Counties in private industry at prevailing union rates of pay.

"Put Up—or Shut Up"

"If you find it impossible to place these 12,000 workers in private industry before the end of this month, we then demand that you immediately stop this campaign of falsehoods regarding the relief and unemployment situation in the United States.

"Also in view of your failure to place these workers in private employment we demand that you immediately wire our California Congressmen and Senators in support of the Boileau Bill, H. R. 5822. This is the bill sponsored by the Workers' Alliance of America and provides a minimum of security for those now on direct relief as well as those working on WPA projects.

"If these cuts are made as sponsored by your organization, we will hold the Oakland Chamber of Commerce directly responsible for the untold suffering that will be brought about by the drastic cutting of the WPA rolls.

"Alameda County Workers' Alliance.
"Roy R. Noftz, Organizer.

SITDOWN STRIKE IN JAPAN

SAKAI Japan—Declaring they will not come out until they win 20 per cent wage increase and retirement allowances workers of the Japan Brick Co. started a sitdown strike in several of the kilns.

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The Western Worker leads the fight on the Pacific Coast to reform the Supreme Court and to curb its usurped power to nullify social legislation passed by the elected representatives of the people.

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Milk Price Raise Brings Suffering To S. F. Children

By JOAN REED

The recent increase in milk prices in San Francisco fortunately has drawn considerable opposition. Even the conservative groups are excited about the prices, voicing their protests in no uncertain terms. And Dr. Geiger, health officer, who does not concern himself generally with the well-being of the mass of people, publicly stated that "hundreds of children are going to suffer" and naively adds, "It is a known fact that as milk prices rise, there is less consumption."

But the San Francisco milk companies ignore the protests, offering the time-worn excuse that they must raise prices because of the higher wages which their employees have demanded.

No Valid Basis

This excuse has no valid basis. Within the last several years, despite the depression, the average worker's productivity has been so greatly increased by new machinery, efficiency and speed-up methods that higher wages have not lessened industries' excessive profit. "Economic Notes" of February, 1937, shows clearly that the part played by wages in total value of production is comparatively small. And the wages per unit of output does not therefore necessitate a corresponding rise in prices to the consumer.

The milk companies of course jump at the chance of using the "wage" argument and blithely add more to their profits at the direct expense of thousands of children whose parents cannot afford the increased price. It is bad enough to raise other costs of other foods but milk is as important to the proper growth of children as water is to the function of the human body.

"Hidden Hunger"

Dr. Paul De Kruif in his notable book, "Why Keep Them Alive," which is mainly devoted to the lack of medical care provided for the majority of American children, emphasizes again and again the fundamental need for an adequate amount of milk for children.

This adequacy means one quart of milk per day per child, in addition to a balanced diet of many other foods. But if children are to develop into healthy adults they must have this amount of milk. Although there may be no outward sign of bad health when youngsters are given more "belly-filling" foods, there remains what de Kruif calls a hidden hunger, only satisfied by the minerals and vitamins contained in milk.

This hunger is deep rooted and results in lifelong injuries to the individual, when it is not compensated by daily requirements of milk.

In San Francisco Dr. Geiger admitted that milk consumption was deplorably low before the increase, which means of course that innumerable children were not receiving their proper ration. Consequently less milk will be consumed now. This is anything but an encouraging picture for the health of our future citizens.

The scheduled conference for June 8, to protest the needless increase, is already assured a hearty response. It is entirely possible that if enough of us work for the success of this conference, the milk companies will be forced to retreat, realizing that the well being of San Francisco's children is of primary concern and that for this "We have only just begun to fight."

One Convicted in Reserve Fraud

LOS ANGELES—Out of the corruption which bilked hundreds of small investors in the California Reserves Company and associated concerns, court dismissals and finally acquittals left only one of the defendants actually convicted of crime.

Only S. M. Swordling, whose guilt of forgery was so directly established that acquittal would have been a bald-faced flouting of evidence, was found guilty of forgery. Swordling was immediately released on $7500 bail pending a hearing on application for probation.

Three of the remaining four defendants in the trial went scot free and Swordling was acquitted of "conspiracy to commit forgery." Five other defendants were dismissed earlier by Superior Judge Tuttle, who heard the case without jury.

STRIKE IN CHINA

SIAN Shensi Province China—More than 2000 workers of a factory in Weinan have gone on strike the first strike ever called in Shensi province.

STATE SENATE AIDS GRAFT OF STANDARD OIL

Passes Welsh Bill Cutting Down Payment Due to California

SACRAMENTO — The State Senate, in a last minute effort to kill the Olson Tidelands Oil Measure and to place the Huntington Beach tideland pool back into the hands of the Standard Oil Company, passed the Welsh bill by a vote of 35 to 4. Already passed by the Assembly as a result of oil company lobbying, the bill now goes to the governor.

The bill would reduce the state's claim on the Standard Oil Company from more than five million dollars to $505,952 for oil already extracted from the pool without authority.

It would also permit direct drilling into the state-owned pool by slant drilling, with the payment of royalties to the state. This would give a virtual monopoly to the Standard Oil Company, which owns all the leases on the ocean bluff adjoining the pool.

Olson, first attempting to kill the measure, offered amendments requiring a higher payment by the Standard Oil Company for oil already extracted. He then gave notice of reconsideration, delaying its movement to the governor for signature.

If finally made into law, the bill would replace the Olson measure already passed. This bill would require royalty of 30 per cent on wells producing more than 200 barrels a day, as opposed to 20 per cent in the Welsh measure. It would also allow the state to drill its own wells in the event bidders for drilling rights were not forthcoming.

Defeat Militarist Gannon Bill!

Sounding an alarm call, Richard Criley and Charles Sanford, Northern and Southern California American Student Union organizers, in a Memorial Day statement, urged action "by all young peoples' groups, student and non-student" to halt passage of the Gannon Bill enabling state colleges to install compulsory ROTC."

The bill passed the Assembly, 44-25, after Assemblyman Hawkins, Los Angeles Negro progressive, amended it to include lectures on the cause and cure of war to "balance things."

Students Opposed to ROTC

The lower house turned down amendments to read optional ROTC instead of compulsory, over protests of progressives, who pointed out the great majority of University of California students twice voted against compulsory military training.

The bill is now in the Senate. All youth organizations are urged to send resolutions immediately to their senators urging defeat of the measure, also an intensive campaign upon the Governor to force a veto if the act passes.

Said their statement: "The question of military training in the public colleges has always been a vital one, not only for students, but for the whole population. Passage of this bill would encourage the American Legion officers and all other reactionaries in every field.

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'Wagner Acts' on Books in New York, Wisconsin

ALBANY, N. Y.—New York's "Little Wagner Act," guaranteeing employees' right to collective bargaining, became a law here with the signature of Governor Herbert Lehman affixed to it.

Bitterly opposed by reactionary state legislators headed by the Republican Laurens Hamilton, the measure will go into effect July 1. It carries an appropriation of $100,000 to finance its administration by the Labor Department.

The labor relations board created by the board will function after the manner of the board set up by the national Wagner Act.

The bill outlaws company unions and labor spying by employers.

Board in Operation On Wisconsin Law

MADISON, Wisc.—A state labor relations board, the first of its kind, is in operation here to put into effect the Wisconsin "Little Wagner Act," passed by the Wisconsin legislature under the sponsorship of Philip La-Follette.

Applying the general provisions of the Wagner Labor Disputes Act to Wisconsin industry not involved in interstate commerce, the act defines and prohibits unfair labor practices, including industrial spying by employers, blacklisting for labor activities, refusal to bargain collectively with exclusive representatives of the employees, coercion of employees in the exercise of their collective bargaining rights.

The act outlaws company unions by prohibiting employers from contributing financial or other support to any labor organization. A labor union, to obtain recognition from the state board, must prove that it is not a company union.

NEW CIO INTERNATIONALS

WASHINGTON—The Committee for Industrial Organization has granted international union charters to the New Era Committee of the Retail Clerks and the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians. The clerks union is to be known as United Retail Employees of America.

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Lynchers Unmolested During Public Murder

BAINBRIDGE, Ga. — While Southern senators were threatening to filibuster in order to defeat the Wagner-Van Nuys anti-lynching bill, a mob of 200 lynched and burned the body of 24-year-old William Reid, Negro, in the middle of the city ball park. Local police made no effort to stop the outrage.

Lynch leaders made the typical claim that Reid had "confessed" the murder of Mrs. Ruby Hurst, 30, and Rita Mae Richardson, 16.

The young Negro, a worker in a turpentine still, fled after the lynch mob had been incited against him and was captured at Dothan, Ala.

Student Leaders Hit Increase of Military Training

FRESNO—The Pacific Coast Students' Association in its fourteenth annual congress last week went on record as opposing legislation passed by the State Assembly that would extend compulsory military training to California's seven state colleges.

The student executives vigorously opposed this evidence of the increasing militarism in American education. The ROTC has recently been exposed at the University of California again as a strike-breaking agency. A Berkeley examination quizzed the conscripts on how to break a waterfront picket line.

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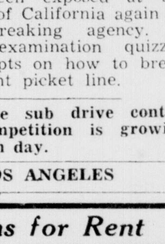
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CHILD LABOR BILL, KILLED BY SUPREME COURT IN 1918, RE-INTRODUCED IN SENATE BY BLACK

WASHINGTON — The same Child Labor law which Congress enacted in 1916 and which the supreme court declared unconstitutional was introduced in the senate by Senator Hugo Black of Alabama, author of the Black-Connery thirty-week bill.

Black introduced the bill in an official copy of its original form, marking off its official identification "Public No. 249 64th Congress" to be replaced by a new identification mark.

The measure would forbid the shipment in interstate or foreign commerce of any industrial product made by an establishment employing child labor, with the legal age ranging from 14 to 16, depending on the type of employment.

When the supreme court invalidated the statute in 1918, it ruled that congress had legislated an illegal invasion of state's powers.

Black's introduction of the bill came shortly before President Roosevelt's announcement that he will seek legislation at this session of congress for minimum wages, maximum work week and a bill against child labor.

Special Page Devoted to the Fight for World Peace, Memorial Day, 1937.

WESTERN YOUTH

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Huge Peace Demonstrations Mark Memorial Day in 1937

Around the League

By Ben Dobbs, State Admin. Secy., Calif. YCL

We thank the workers of California who helped the YCL branches send their delegates to the 8th National Convention of the YCL. It was a real treat—a real convention—we got lots out of it, and you should demand a return on your "investment" by future developments in the California YCL. We are confident that we will "come through."

There were 36 California delegates. We were the fourth largest state delegation. Chicago, Cleveland and New York were the largest.

We created quite a stir with our brand new California YCL flag, and our big sombreros which we wore in the tremendous May Day Parade.

Archie Brown reported from the Trade Union Commission to the Convention. Four of our delegates were on the presiding committee, three on the education committee, four on the program and constitution committee, one on the resolutions committee and one was chairman of one of the sessions of the convention.

We are doggone proud of the work of the California delegation!

Statement of Principles and Constitution of the YCL calls for the transformation of the YCL into a MASS anti-fascist pro-labor organization—an organization that can be of real service to the organized labor movement of this country and one that can educate the masses of youth to fight on the side of Progress—against Reaction. We have a big job ahead of us to create an organization that can bring life into the slogan of "Action-Education-Recreation" to the millions of youth who want an answer to the pressing problems of today.

It was a real thrill to see the hundreds of splendid young people that were at the convention and helped to make these decisions. Outstanding among these were the four comrades who were elected the officers of the National YCL: Carl Ross, a tall goodlooking fellow from Minnesota who is now our National Executive Secretary; Gill Green, our new president; the heroic, famous, and recently freed Negro leader, Angelo Herndon, the vice-president; and Henry Winston, another Negro comrade, our administrative secretary. These four, and fifty-six more, who were elected comprise our National Council who will lead the League until the next convention. Good luck.

The Convention gave us a guide to action—now let's have some action. Of utmost importance is the question of getting the decisions of the Convention to the League and to the masses of youth.

Already, some of this has been done. Most of the branches have had open meetings. L. A. reports a number of affairs; mass meetings in L. A. and San Francisco are being planned for next month. San Francisco got a fine start by one of the best affairs ever held last week. This is just a beginning. Let's remember that the convention does not belong to the delegates, nor even to the YCL, but to the youth of America!

The most important immediate thing facing us is the summer planning conference of the California YCL in June. We urge the YCL to discuss and act on the National Convention decisions now so that changes, experiences and growth can be reported as a basis for our summer work. This will be one of the stepping stones to the State Convention to be held in Los Angeles next September.

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May 30th

The entire State YCL is rallying to the support of the Peace Actions on May 30th week end. We are proud to say that the YCL first utilized Memorial Day to educate youth to fight for Peace. The fact that this day is now utilized by many other youth organizations gives brilliant testimony to Gil Green's statement that "the YCL is not the only organization sincerely desiring and fighting for Peace." The YCL, as always, is putting all its resources to make these actions successful so that still more young people and their organizations will rally for Peace in the future.

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Shorts

We forgot to tell you that four comrades (2 boys—2girls) who were on the delegation to the National Convention got married in New York. We won't tell their names. We know who they are, however, and wish them luck.

The San Francisco YCL beat the tar out of the Communist Party in a thrilling ball game at the Workers Picnic. Frank Carlson slid into home plate when he forgot that a longshoreman was catching for the Party. He is still limping and needs someone to help him get in and out of his chair. That run won the game for the YCL.

CALIFORNIA BOYS WRITE FROM FRONT LINES OF BATTLE FOR PEACE AND AGAINST FASCISM

Members of Anti-Fascist Abraham Lincoln Battalion, "Somewhere in Spain," Tell of Fascists' Brutality

From "Somewhere in Spain."

To San Francisco.

Dear .....:

I think of you two very often and want to write as often as I can. But sometimes it's impossible to write at all and sometimes I can't make myself write to anyone even when there is time.

I would like to write you as many details as I can, but it's hard to tell you stories when explosive bullets are striking rocks around my head. But one story will please you.

The Moors in front of us managed to fool the English one night by marching up to them singing the International and then opening fire. They tried the same trick again on a different section of the front when we were there. Well, imagine (you're a musical egg) a pack of Moors murdering the International in their sing-song. . .

We waited for them to come within good range and let them have plenty of fire. They paid plenty for their poor musicianship.

A FINE FINALE

Let me tell you there was never a weirder piece of music than I heard that night in the darkness . . . and I never heard a better finale than our machine gun and rifle fire. I'm sure you would never tire of playing such a record over and over.

Last night we rolled up a loud speaker into our lines and gave them a good speech. It provoked their staff into an attack which as usual failed. Their bodies are all over No Man's Land.

Our comrades so far have acquitted themselves very well. The first night in the lines our machine gun was placed in front of the center, practically isolated from the trench and with no means of retreat. The fascists launched a strong attack that night, but our boys gave them a good American welcome . . . with swephing machine gun fire, running the belts through in continuous streams.

HEROIC FIGHTING FOR PEACE

Since then we took part in attack and, according to the Brigade Commander, were more heroic than any troops he had ever seen. Of course we've had losses among us, but so have the fascists, and for every man we lose, the rest of us are fiercer enemies of the fascists.

Under ordinary conditions the weather is of only polite interest. Now you can easily understand this is changed. Just now we are getting a cold rain and freezing northwest winds. We discuss this weather plenty, believe me, not with only polite interest.

I'm forced to stop now.

The fascists have started their artillery.

From "Somewhere in Spain."

To Los Angeles.

Dear .....:

It's been impossible to bring myself to write. I've had no heart for it and no words to tell you how I feel. Ordinarily I would write you only a cheerful letter and this time I tried to do the same. I gave it up.

..... has been shot through the belly, and I don't know whether he is dead or alive. Even though it's true we have stopped the fascists and last night killed many of them, still it's impossible to feel elated.

Never before have I loved comrades as much as those good ones I have lived with at the front. Here you learn the heart and brain of a man without mistake, and you value him as you do your own life. When he dies, it's a son or a brother dying, not merely another man.

The people who say war makes one callous to death are stupid. War may make a fool callous, but to anyone with understanding it's not so. I wept for ..... and several others as I never expected to weep for anyone.

VENGEANCE TO TAKE

But that's more or less over and we have vengeance to take now. We have to do more than kill our fascist enemy; we must terrify him so that he won't dare show his head. We must get the best men here in Spain.

Can you imagine men who fight with explosive bullets? That's the kind we face here. Their bullets are equipped with percussion caps and explode when they hit a man. They make horrible wounds.

So far we haven't run into any of their tanks but their German and Italian planes we've seen plenty of. However, our planes seem to have control of the air. It takes only a few minutes for our planes to appear whenever the fascists attack with theirs.

PEACE BALLOT CIRCULATING IN NO. CALIF.

SAN FRANCISCO — Reactionary opposition was decidedly in the minority when Miss Hazel Ball, YWCA Business and Industrial Girls' Secretary, appealed to the 2nd District, Parent-Teachers Assn., to study and answer the World Youth Congress Peace Poll.

Winding up their campaign for circulation for ballots, the Peace Ballot Sponsoring Committee announced over 150,000 people in Northern California received copies of the ballot during May.

Fight Jim Crowism In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES—Jim Crowism appeared again in L. A. when a group of young people of all nationalities and from different organizations met in Clifton's Cafeteria to hear a report from the Young Communist League Convention, on Tuesday, May 18.

Having previously scheduled a room to eat and have their meeting, the young people got their food and received their bill. Then they were approached by the manager, who informed them there was a 50 cent cover charge for Negroes. He said further that his patrons object to Negro customers and therefore he wishes Negroes not to enter through the main lobby.

Angered and embittered by the occurrence, the young people walked out en masse, without paying the bill or eating the food.

Actions are being taken to bring suit against the Clifton Cafeteria, so it may be impossible to repeat such actions.

A Giant Demonstration



MAY DAY in Moscow celebrated the greatest peacetime achievement yet known, completion of the Second Five Year Plan, and was a tremendous demonstration for the peace policies of the Soviet Union, at the same time a warning to fascist rulers who threaten Soviet borders.

TOM MOONEY ON THE FIGHT FOR PEACE IN 1937

Famed Labor Prisoner Interested In National YCL Convention

By OZ

SAN FRANCISCO—"It was on such a day of jingoist war preparation, Preparedness Day, 1916, that Warren K. Billings and I were framed for union activities. Then there were no great bodies of youth pledged to fight war."

He didn't say it, but it was easy for me to guess that if there had been a youth peace movement in those days, the grey-haired man sitting before me might not be in the San Francisco County Jail. He was Tom Mooney.

Defeat This Anti-Labor Bill!!

Memorial Day, 1937, reminded me that it was the hysteria and jingoism of war time that had provided the background for the anti-union drive which resulted in Mooney's frameup. As he talked, I thought of what could happen again. Only this time it would not happen in individual cities. The Sheppard-Hill Bill, already passed by one house of Congress, would place unions all over the nation in a straight jacket.

Mooney strongly urged young people to help in making the Market Street Mooney parade and Memorial Meeting in July a huge affair.

Interested in YCL Convention

The labor veteran said he was extremely anxious to hear the results of the National Convention of the Young Communist League recently held in New York.

Of the CIO campaign Mooney, always keenly interested and well posted on current affairs, declared:

"I consider it the greatest thing that has ever happened in the American labor movement."

Then Mooney went back to his cell, planning to spend the afternoon in active work for his Defense Committee.

YCL to Aid in "Aid Spain Week"

After May 30—June 19! June 19 is the next big date on the calendar of the fight for peace. On Saturday evening, June 19, the Young Communist League will conduct a huge mass meeting in San Francisco as the climax to Aid Spain Week, June 13-20, and opening event of the state-wide summer planning conference.

The Young Communist League will take active part in the Spanish week, its leaders declared. One day will be set aside in Northern California for concentrated house-to-house canvassing for funds.

"Spanish Liberty Bonds"

The League will issue "Spanish Liberty Bonds" to be sold widely. Efforts will be made to set up booths on Market St. in San Francisco and centers in other cities.

Activities will wind up with the June 19 meeting. Young people from East Bay and Peninsula sections will come in for the occasion. The meeting will be the public opening of the YCL summer planning conference.

Both the Young Communist League and the Communist Party will throw all their efforts into making the meeting a fitting end to Spanish Week.

Enter the sub drive contest NOW—competition is growing keener each day.

JACK DEMPSEY AT N.Y. RALLY

Twenty-three thousand young people were to take over Randall's Island in New York City on May 30 for the largest youth peace action in America.

Jack Dempsey, fistic idol, was the main attraction of the afternoon as a speaker for Peace.

The whole day was to be filled with athletic events and games of all sorts.

HOW YCL HELPS MOVIE STRIKERS

Strikers Glad to Have YCL'ers With Them On Picket Line

By VIOLET REA

HOLLYWOOD — The movie strike is called; the headlines blare forth; "unionism" is on every tongue, and the showdown is at hand, when militant workers show their mettle and squeamish fellows are weeded out.

Simultaneously, the Young Communist League swings into action. The Caroline Decker Branch in Hollywood adopts hasty measures to aid the strikers.

Help on Picket Lines

Strike headquarters on Cahuenga Blvd. hum with youthful activity, as YCL'ers with free hours report for picket assignments.

At the Chinese Theater, we have a laugh when the be-costumed doorman bustles importantly up to a Lincoln-Zephyr slithering to the curb. Five youngsters burst forth and begin to picket. The poor chap seems slightly nonplussed.

Branch activity gains momentum. A leaflet urging public boycott of theaters is discussed. Food is brought to pickets at studio gates, their ranks swelling with volunteer YCL'ers.

"We are from the Young Communist League," we inform the picket captain.

"Glad to have you!" is the response. "May be Communist propaganda, but it's damn right!"

And they were glad to have a swell, spirited group of American Students Union students report for picket duty at the very outset of the strike.

Slogans for 1937 Memorial Day

Slogans for Memorial Day, 1937 include:

"Make Madrid the Tomb of Fascism and War." "End America's Un-Neutral Neutrality Policy." "Ban War Shipments to Germany and Italy."

"Demand Congressional Investigation and Action Against Franco's American Spy Ring."

"Legislative Action Against Compulsory ROTC." Stop the Gannon Bill for Compulsory Military Training in State Colleges in the State Senate—Force a Governor's Veto." "Pass the Pelletier-Rosenthal Bill for Abolition of Compulsory ROTC in University of California." "Pass the Nye-Kvale Bill in U. S. Congress."

"Defeat the Army's Industrial Mobilization Plans for a War-Time Fascist Dictatorship—Halt Passage ofg the Sheppard-Hill Bill in Congress."

"Schools—Not Battleships."

"Memorial Day—Day of International Cooperation Against Fascism for World Peace."

YELLOW DOG PACT

NEW YORK—The Consolidated Edison Co. is charged by the CIO with forcing its employes to sign a yellow dog agreement.

YOUTH UNITY IS URGED BY YOUNG DEMOS' MEETING

California Convention Adopts Pro-Labor Plank

SANTA BARBARA — With speaker after speaker urging unity of all progressive forces, characterizing the Democratic Party as "the party of the common man," the convention of Young Democratic Clubs of California ended here May 22.

After spending most of the time in wrangles over election of a state president, delegates adopted a thoroughly progressive program and voted to unite with all youth groups to carry out the planks.

Dave Gill was elected president for the next two years.

The labor plank adopted condemned compulsory arbitration and injunctions in labor disputes.

It pledged "initiative and support" for shorter hours, higher wages, improved working conditions and unionization.

The young Democrats voted against any attempt to "nullify the favorable labor clauses of the Wagner Labor Relations Act," obviously referring to Liberty League attempts to force compulsory arbitration and incorporation of unions.

For Sales Tax Repeal

The convention favored repeal of the sales tax and taxation according to ability to pay. The Democrats called for a new constitutional convention for California and a unicameral (one-house) legislature to stop the autocratic state senate from killing progressive bills. This is a proposal up for consideration by the People's Legislative Conference.

In calling for a youth commission to plan state aid for needy youth and establishment of job projects for young unemployed, many delegates considered the convention gave tacit support to the fundamental principles of the California Youth Act.

Progressives were heartened by the decision to cooperate with all youth groups in the state to carry out the convention program.

For Fight On Aggressor Nations

Influenced by Spanish events, the young Democrats approved a resolution calling for cooperation among all democratic countries against aggressors. This decision was obscured by another supporting America's present neutrality laws. President Roosevelt's "good neighbor" policy received endorsement.

The convention was interrupted to hear a special radio broadcast from Washington in which Congressmen Byron Scott, Jerry Voorhis, Harry Sheppard and Charles Kramer spoke. Kramer, ultra-reactionary sponsor of many "anti-sedition" bills, received as much booing as applause.

Invited to YCL Convention

There was a liberal sprinkling of bald and grey heads among the delegates, although most of the officers are under 30. Frank Wickham, national president, spoke emphasizing the need for making the Young Democrats a genuine youth movement.

An invitation was extended Wickham to attend the Young Communist League state convention at Los Angeles in September.

LET SCHOOL KIDS LEARN

SAN FRANCISCO — Schools should give children a chance to learn about communism and fascism from people who believe in them, said Joseph Duveneck, principal of the Peninsula School at Menlo Park, at a meeting of the San Francisco Public Education Society.

MEMORIES FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Let us never forget . . .

10,000,000 known dead of 60,000,000 taking part; 6,000,000 still missing; 28,000,000 civilians dead; 9,000,000 orphans; 5,000,000 widows.

Cost to America—$1,000,000 per hour.

BEFORE—7,500 millionaires, $74,650,000 net profit.

AFTER—25,000 millionaires, $337,000,000 net profit.

UNITED YOUTH DAY ON MAY 30

American Youth Congress Issues National Proclamation

A PROCLAMATION

We, the National Council of the American Youth Congress, hereby designate Sunday, May 30, 1937, as United Youth Day to be dedicated to the observance of peace activities.

It is not enough on this day, ordinarily designated as Memorial Day, to commemorate the patriotism of those who have died in past wars. Young America should in addition commemorate the patriotism of those striving to eliminate the possibilities of future wars.

Oppose Militarism

American Youth must recognize its responsibility to help create a world with justice and freedom—a world in which true and lasting peace is possible.

Young America must oppose militarism, compulsory military training and expenditures for war preparations.

Young America must support the efforts of young people in other nations to win and extend these rights.

Young America must make sacrifices now to achieve the steps toward peace.

Work for Greater Unity

Let us therefore, on this day appointed, make due expression of our willingness to work together for peace—from day to day throughout the year—by establishing in our community cooperation of youth of all faiths, beliefs and affiliations for lasting peace, by establishing closer bonds with youth throughout the world so that we may act together to this end.

WILLIAM HINCKLEY,
Chairman National Council,
American Youth Congress.

Confab Discusses NYA Problems

BERKELEY—Bay Area recreation workers of the National Youth Administration met in an all day conference here May 19, to discuss problems and see what work is being done on projects other than their own.

The conference opened with speeches by district directors, Clough and Strauss, and workers on what the NYA was accomplishing. Then the group divided into boys' and girls' round tables to discuss their problems.

Demand NYA Extension

Reports by members of the round tables called for maintenance and extension of NYA, representation in the administration, abolition of discrimination, and furthering of the apprenticeship program. The directors failed to answer the question of how long NYA would remain in existence.

A feature of the conference was an exhibit showing what is being done on various NYA projects: dancing, puppetry, playground leadership, airplane modeling, improvement of athletic fields, and other recreational projects.

'PEACE FLOAT' RIDES IN GATE BRIDGE PARADE

Peace Picnic in Muir Woods; Epworth Boat Ride

Huge demonstrations for peace were scheduled for Memorial Day week-end in all major cities throughout the United States. Support to Spanish Democracy in its fight against the fascist invasion of Franco, Hitler and Mussolini, was a central rallying point in the demonstrations.

SAN FRANCISCO—A Peace Float in the Golden Gate Bridge Fiesta Parade on Saturday, May 29, a Peace Picnic in Muir Woods and a boat ride of 1500 Epworth Leaguers on May 31—these were expected to be the highlights of Northern California youths' peace celebrations on Memorial Day.

The float is sponsored by the League of Nations Assn., the Emergency Peace Campaign, the Social Service Commission of the Church Council, Cause and Cure of War groups, the Business and Industrial Girls' Department of the YWCA, the Northern California Assembly of Youth, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, the American League Against War and Fascism, and the California Council of the Epworth League.

Hayride Over Golden Gate Bridge

The picnic starts at 10 a. m. Monday, May 31, when trucks loaded with hay will leave Hamilton Square, Post and Steiner streets, San Francisco, for a hayride over the Golden Gate Bridge to Muir Woods, scene of the peace event. Transportation will be 50 cents per person.

The peace float consists of a huge globe of the world with six young people, dressed in the costumes of all nations and their flags menaced by two huge cannon. The words "Keep War Out of the World," will run the length of the truck.

Toward United Peace Movement

A great step toward a united peace movement in Northern California was seen when the groups backing the float voted to continue their meetings the first Monday of every month in the YWCA cafeteria, 620 Sutter Street, in order to provide an informal clearing house for all peace groups and a coordinating center for future peace actions.

CANNERY UNIONS NOT KID STUFF

Youthful Strikers Solid at Tea Garden Preserve Co.

By a Cannery Worker

SAN FRANCISCO—The Canners League of California may think the cannery unionization drive is "kids' stuff," but they're going to be fooled!

All the leaders of the cannery unions in Northern California are young people, and most of the cannery workers are young. But that only means they pack a harder punch.

Tea Garden Strike

You should have been at the Cannery Union dance in California Hall here last Saturday. There were easily over 500 people there, mostly Italian and Spanish kids. Plenty of strikers from the Tea Garden Preserve Co.

The Tea Garden Strike, first cannery walkout in this city in years, is a real youthful affair. Most of the strike leaders are about 25. We're setting up a soup kitchen this week. These young people are plenty loyal.

Last Sunday night, due to a change in picketing schedule, the shift that was supposed to come on at 7 p.m. didn't show up. So the crew that had been on for six hours before, stayed on the line for six more hours, and the picket captain said that they'd be willing to stay on all night.

Forward to 100 Per Cent Unionization

Cal-Bear, the big fruit and vegetable cannery out on 19th and Minnesota Sts., opens up early in June. There are over 1200 young kids working there in the season, and I'll bet they'll be 100 per cent organized before the season is very old.

The Labor Council sat up and took notice, too, when about 100 young strikers packed the gallery and hall last Friday night to back up their union organizer, Miss Gordon, when she spoke.

ALBERT LEA, Minn.—Workers of the struck American Gas Machine Co. are expected to vote for affiliation with the CIO. They are in an independent union.

A Special Page of Trade Union News, Developments and Features

Seattle Longshoremen Rout Thugs of Teamster Officials—Hollywood Studios Start Company Union—Hilo, Hawaii, Longshoremen Win Recognition; Interview With Homer Martin, President of CIO Auto Workers—Agricultural Union News—MORE LABOR NEWS ON REGULAR NEWS PAGES.

Teamsters Use Thugs

Seattle ILA Men Rout 'Beef Squad' Attacking Women

Many Unions Condemn Tactics of Teamster Officials; Glasser, of Teamsters, Drove Car Into Crowd

SEATTLE—The "strong arm" and "beef squad" tactics of certain Teamster officials to maintain arbitrary control over large sections of the labor movement here, were soundly jolted when three of the Teamster "beef squad" were severely beaten and sent to a hospital because they attacked women ILA workers May 20, at the Bemis Bag Co.

Teamster officials were encouraged by a telegram from Wm. Green which caused the unseating of the ILA Warehousemen's delegates to the Central Labor Council and followed the delegates to attack them, a customary practice here.

Thug Tactics

The two groups met in front of Moose Hall, where fists flew in all directions, the Teamsters freely using black-jacks.

When the Warehousemen beat back the "thugs," Teamster officials hurled the threat that next day they would take the Bemis Bag Co. Warehousemen away from the ILA. Early the morning of May 20th, Teamster officials, flanked by a beef-squad of about 40, entered the plant and attempted to tear ILA buttons off the women.

A notice was sent out to the ILA and about 300 longshoremen came double-quick. After a short encounter, the thugs were overwhelmed, three being sent to the hospital after being thoroughly mauled.

Teamster Official Like a Maniac

During the encounter, Glaser, business agent for the so-called Teamsters' Warehousemens Union, drove his car like a maniac over the sidewalk into the crowd of onlookers, injuring several, including one of his own beef squad members. A Marine Fireman was knocked down and suffered a fractured skull when the car passed over his body.

It is understood police have not yet apprehended Glaser on an assault and reckless driving charge.

Teamster officials and their thugs soon withdrew while a protective body of longshoremen remained on duty the rest of the day.

Scores of Unions Protest

Scores of unions are taking vigorous steps to end flagrant violation of trade union democracy and are protesting to both Central Labor Council and AFL executive council.

At their meeting May 20, the Marine Firemen, Oilers, Wipers, and Watertenders voted to call upon the LaFollette Civil Liberties Committee to investigate the open violence instigated repeatedly here by Teamster officials.

The Inlandboatmen passed a motion asking their president, C. W. Deal, to send their vigorous protest to Wm. Green against his recent orders to the Seattle Central Labor Council to unseat various local affiliates, as provoking widespread violence and disruption.

Oppose Intimidation

1. Notifying Central Labor Council they are opposed to intimidation and threats by anyone trying to get votes for any proposition on the Council floor.

2. Vigorously protesting against abuse of "executive session" rules in the Council and calling for open sessions, so that any interested members of any affiliated union may attend.

(NOTE: The Council has been in executive session for seven weeks, following the attack by the Teamsters' beef squad upon Newsboys Union members when they objected to portions of their self-appointed officials' reports. Six newsboys, some cripples, were slugged, kicked down three flights of stairs, and thrown out in the gutter.)

(This action was led by Frank Brewster, secretary of Joint Council of Teamsters, a council delegate and political job-holder, as head of City Civil Service Commission. He received appointment from ex-Mayor "Tear Gas" Charlie Smith, who obeyed orders of the Industrial Council and Chamber of Commerce when he threw tear gas at striking waterfront workers in 1934.)

3. S. C. Deal, 6th vice-president of the International Seamen's Union was commended for support of East Coast District unions, and a motion passed supporting the National Maritime Union.

Non-Concur On L. A. Conference

4. Moved to non-concur in decisions of the Los Angeles Conference of some ISU District Union representatives. President Deal stated he protested because that group assumed authority to speak for the ISU when 10,000 union men of West Coast ISU unions (fishermen) were excluded, and 60,000 in the East and Gulf were ignored.

5. The Union went on record as unalterably opposed to demand of the Chamber of Commerce for legislation requiring labor unions to incorporate.

Terrorist Attacks in Everett

Following these attacks in Seattle, tear gas bombs were thrown into the Workers' Book Shop, the home of William Glandon, Workers' Alliance leader, and the home of Lawrence Kratley, vice-president Central Labor Council of Everett and ILA member. All these attacks took place in Everett.

When requested by various unions and other organizations indignant at these attacks, police replied there were "no clues."

Ask LaFollette Investigation

The District Convention, ILA, in session in Seattle, passed resolutions condemning these attacks and requesting the LaFollette committee to investigate activities of these night riding terrorists who are attacking homes of militant workers.

The tear gas attack on Kratley's home nearly caused the death of his mother. Emergency treatment was necessary to help her overcome the effects.

P. G. & E. IN PLOT AGAINST REAL UNIONISM

SACRAMENTO — Pacific Gas & Electric Co's attempt at a camouflaged company union, the "California Gas and Electric Employees Union," announced it has been recognized by the company officially as sole bargaining agency.

This company union, which was incorporated recently, is an attempt to defeat the organizing campaign of the United Radio & Electrical Workers of America, CIO affiliate.

FILM COMPANY UNION MOVE ON IN HOLLYWOOD

Paramount Engineers Sub Rosa "Union" Among Cutters

By a Studio Striker

HOLLYWOOD — Paramount Studios has a letter upon all bulletin boards requesting their employees (the unorganized) to organize under leaders of their own choosing according to the Wagner Act, and suggesting lawyers and ways and means of incorporation papers for such unions.

Cutters and assistant cutters met for the purpose last week in one of the studio's preview rooms, set at their disposal by the bosses; as far as I know, the cutters already have a union (I think under the Int. Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees), but they repudiated any alliance with this group, and instead are going to have an independent group of their own, similar to the cameramen, or so they imagine.

Co. Unionism

The whole thing is obviously being engineered by the studios. It will be independent from the IATSE and the Fed. of Motion Picture Crafts.

I believe this is a company union, although sub rosa, since they are organizing in the company's time and holding meetings within studio walls.

Anti-Union Outfit

The letter on the bulletin board is headed "Society of Motion Picture Film Editors," with headquarters at Hollywood Plaza Hotel on Vine St. The secretary is H. J. Macord, Warner Bros.; and the letter is signed by the Contact Committee, composed of Ben Lewis, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer; Phil Cohn, Universal; James Wilkinson, RKO.

They claim 408 signatures of willing members, that power will be vested by the members upon the board to deal with producers, that a lawyer will draw papers for incorporation as an organization with by-laws, and that producers in no way have anything to do with this said organization.

Labor Headquarters Set Up in Richmond

RICHMOND, Contra Costa County—Headquarters have been set up here at 268 Sixth St., for the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, CIO; Chemical Workers 266, and the Contra Costa branch of Cannery Workers Union, Federal Local No. 20,099

CIO LEADER



ALLEN S. HAYWOOD, United Miners' official from Illinois, in charge of the newly-established CIO headquarters in New York. CIO is out to organize every unorganized industry in that area.

Waterfront Unions Aid Film Strike

By a Studio Striker

HOLLYWOOD — Good unionism is holding up production of sea pictures.

Lucien Hubbard, Paramount producer, has everything prepared to begin shooting "Ebb Tide," which Hathaway is to direct (Hathaway has just finished shooting "Souls at Sea," another sea picture starring Garry Cooper and George Raft).

Release date of "Ebb Tide" is very nearly at hand, but is being held up by the strike, since the boys of the maritime unions absolutely refuse to load props, etc., for the location at Catalina Island, as long as there is a strike.

Please harp on the fact of how serious the maritime boys take unionism, and that other union crafts and the CIO are following this grand example, while the Int. Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees is forcing its members to scab.

ILA Convention Hails Hilo Win

SEATTLE—Delegates to the District Convention of the International Longshoremen's Association enthusiastically greeted news that the Hilo Longshoremen's Assn. had been granted recognition in the port of Hilo, and immediately cabled:

"Hearty congratulations on winning sole recognition from C. Brewer & Co., Hawaiian representatives seated in convention. Speech by delegate Abraham Pohina warmly received at banquet here. Forward to greater island and mainland solidarity.

Organizing Is Job of the CIO

RECOGNITION IS GAINED BY HILO LONGSHOREMEN

Organized Labor is Going Forward on Big Island

HILO, Hawaii—Organized labor is on the march here. When C. Brewer & Co., one of the biggest of the "Big 5," meekly bowed its head in surrender and admitted to the representative of the National Labor Relations Board that it would have to recognize the Hilo Longshoremen's Assn. as the sole collective bargaining agency for all its waterfront employees, it was the signal for the parade to start, and it has become a parade that can't be held in check.

Bosses Laughed Too Soon

In November, 1935, when 15 dock workers under leadership of Harry Kamoku, organized Hilo's first waterfront union—in fact the first union of any kind on the island in history, the sugar potentates and their politician henchmen laughed loud and long. They'd soon rid their workers of such "radical" ideas. They'd soon get rid of the foreign "agitators" who were poisoning the minds of "their poor, misled workers."

But today the workers are laughing at them! After a long and bitter struggle against a powerful combination, the longshoremen are still united and a force to be reckoned with.

More than 200 dock workers, including clerks, stevedores, watchmen, warehousemen, at least 90 per cent of the entire waterfront personnel, are members of the union.

As a result, C. Brewer & Co. waived election proceedings and agreed to do business with the union.

Hilo Longshoremen March Inland

Following their victory, the Hilo longshoremen started a march inland. Organizing along industrial lines, they are admitting to the union all workers engaged in the transportation industry.

Today a drive is on to include all workers of the Hawaii Consolidated Railway Co., engaged in longshore work. The railway workers are coming in fast.

The Laundry Workers' Assn., newly formed union in the White Star Laundry, uses the longshore union hall as headquarters, and is receiving lessons in unionism from the more experienced dock workers. The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Longshoremens Union has moved into the hall, too.

Enter the sub drive contest N O W—competition is growing keener each day.

NO BOYCOTT OF STARS— ONLY FILMS

HOLLYWOOD — "The boycott of all Hollywood films should continue until the strike is settled, but there should be no personal boycott of stars, as this matter is not on a personal basis," Charles Lessing, head of the Federated Motion Picture Crafts, declares.

The Screen Writers Guild is holding secret meetings to elaborate plans for recognition. The Screen Directors Guild is preparing demands under the Wagner Act, and taking assistants into the guild.

Huge Crowd Hears Martin in L. A.

LOS ANGELES—Homer Martin, national president of the United Automobile Workers of America, spoke to a tightly packed and wildly cheering audience at Philharmonic Auditorium last week. He described growth of the union in Detroit from 30,000 to 350,000, and that of the CIO from 1,000,000 to a membership exceeding that of the AFL.

Martin declared the major aim of the CIO was establishment of industrial democracy that would operate to attain the following objectives for every worker:

1. A safe and healthy place in which to work.

2. A wage that will insure a decent standard of living and savings, security for old age.

The speaker maintained big industry is well able to do this. Last year, said he, "General Motors could have paid every worker $2500 and still have made a net profit of more than $100-000,000."

He quoted Professor Green of Notre Dame as stating that "The average worker makes $1 out of a product that sells on the market for $7."

Douglas Railroading

As to railroading of 22 men who are to be tried next week as a result of the Douglas Aircraft sit-down strike, Martin declared:

"Douglas can't get away with it. Organized labor is behind these men. Their only crime is that of joining a union which is their constitutional right. Douglas is prosecutting them through a law that he himself has violated by supporting a company union.

"All we want is a chance for men and women to live — a chance for democracy to work."

Respect Movie Picket Lines

"Bob" Roberts of the United Rubber Workers urged picket lines in front of theatres be maintained and observed strictly. He expressed belief that Tom Mooney would be freed from prison before Christmas.

Cole of the Fed. of Motion Picture Crafts, stated they were trying to build a type of industrial unionism within the motion picture industry. He asserted that when the present strike was called, five AFL international unions were ordered to go through their picket lines. "Our chief aid came from the CIO," he said.

A collection of $730 was taken toward defense of the 22 CIO men awaiting trial.

HonuapoLongshore Workers Win Out

HONOLULU — After the National Labor Relations Board investigated charges of discrimination filed by the Honuapo Longshoremen's Assn., Kau Branch, against the Hutchinson Sugar Co., a settlement satisfactory to the union was reached.

Hutchinson Sugar Co. officials decided to throw the hat into the ring, and agreed to restore all of the 14 longshoremen named in the charge—to be reinstated immediately.

Union There to Stay!

That night the union had a special meeting and celebration. It was unanimously agreed to add the following words to Honuapo Longshoremen's Assn.: "Here to Stay Until Hell Freezes Over!"

The Kau Branch headquarters is a shack that is probably the only piece of property in the Kau district that is not under the dictate and control of the sugar company.

Lodi Wineries Sign Contract With Union

LODI, San Joaquin County—The Roma Wine Co. and Shewan Jones, Inc., both of Lodi, and the Petri Wine Co., of Escalon, have signed contracts with the Weighers, Warehousemen and Material Workers Union, AFL affiliate. Minimum wage will be 60 cents an hour; the 44-hour week with overtime pay is also included in the agreement.

AUTO WORKERS' LEADER FLAYS AFL AUTOCRACY

Hits Red-baiting of Reactionary Forces Against CIO

LOS ANGELES—"The necessary social and economic stability can and must be maintained by organized labor," declared Homer Martin, fresh from the recent gains of the Detroit auto workers, when interviewed here last week.

"Direct labor action is our chief weapon for obtaining economic and social stability."

Hits AFL Autocracy

Strongly condemning reactionary leadership in the American Federation of Labor, Martin stated:

"What I object to is the autocracy in the AFL that can do nothing to benefit organized labor. I have every desire to see labor united and strengthened."

Asked what he thought would be eventual outcome of the split between the AFL and the CIO, he said:

"The CIO will work forward to consolidate the forces of all labor."

Martin denied his visit had any connection with the current Hollywood studio workers' strike, but characterized that strike as "one of the best arguments for industrial organization."

"The practice of one union settling its demands with the company while another union is on strike is one of the chief factors detrimental to labor," he said. "The studio strike is a striking example of the futility of craft unionism."

"The CIO believes in the solidarity of labor," he added, stating his organization would support "financially and morally" the studio strikers.

Present moves in the state legislature and in congress to weaken the Wagner Labor Relations Act by enforcing compulsory arbitration were condemned by Martin.

Exploding reactionaries' red-baiting attempts to prejudice the CIO in the eyes of the public, Martin declared, "There is no truth in the charge that Communists are controlling the CIO—that charge is about as true as their calling Roosevelt a Communist."

Asked if there were any discrimination against Communists in the CIO, Martin stated emphatically:

"No! If an employer hires a Communist, that worker has full rights in the CIO."

The charge that "foreign agitation" is responsible for CIO gains is "about as logical as the rest of the arguments" of reactionaries, Martin went on.

"I'm 'foreign' too," he added. "I was born on a farm in Southern Illinois. My ancestors came over in the Mayflower and fought in the Revolutionary War."

Martin for Spain Democracy

Wholehearted support has been given by the UAW to President Roosevelt's proposed Supreme Court changes, Martin declared.

Though the auto workers' union has never gone on record supporting either side in the Spanish conflict, Martin stated that he personally supports the loyalists:

"I thing it is a struggle between democracy and autocracy. The Loyalist government was the democratically elected government of Spain."

Mass Picketing by C. Costa Labor

RICHMOND, Contra Costa County—Mass picket lines under the leadership of the Contra Costa Trades and Labor Council were held here Saturday, May 22, before two unfair outfits—Felice & Perelli Cannery on 10th St. here, and the Master Craft Cleaners on San Pablo Ave. in El Cerrito.

ILA 38-44, Warehousemen, have been on strike at the cannery for five months. Over 300 cannery workers have been organized here already, so the plant, which plans to open up soon, will meet a solid front of labor.

The Cleaners, Dyers and Pressers have been picketing the cleaners for nine months.

Picket Ford Finks

The Labor Council pickets then picketed a meeting of 50 pencil-pushers and finks in the Ford factory in Richmond, where the company is attempting to set up a company union in disguise.

It is rumored that Jack Faulkner, reactionary AFL county organizer, is planning to give an AFL charter to this company union. The overwhelming majority of the Ford workers are organized in the United Automobile Workers of America.

MARTIN SEES MOVEMENT TO LABOR PARTY

Non-Partisan League Seen as Powerful Political Force

SAN FRANCISCO — Organizing the unorganized is the main business of the Committee for Industrial Organization, declared Homer Martin, United Auto Workers of America president, at a press interview here.

"We'll not interfere with functioning unions," said Martin. "However, if a union voluntarily comes in, we welcome them gladly. If a union is just a dead fetish and does not function, we feel it part of our business to organize it into a competent union."

CIO Not Splitting

Martin stated plainly, however, that "we will never go in and try to split off parts of a union, or go in and try to talk them into CIO affiliation."

Asked how the labor movement can be united, Martin replied: "Build one."

"I think we are on the verge of building a real labor movement in this country," he said. "There are some people who will have to get out of the picture, but we won't get them out. The workers will simply refuse to accept them as leaders."

Martin didn't attach much importance to the AFL executive council meeting with presidents of "loyal internationals."

AFL Is "Dog in the Manger"

"If this will help them limber up on the finances and do some organizing, I'm for it," he said. "However, I don't think they are interested in organizing, but only in keeping others from organizing."

"In many cases, the AFL works in collusion with the management to prevent a real labor movement."

On developments leading toward a Labor Party, Martin commented:

Toward Labor Party

"The CIO has not as yet officially advocated independent political action, but definitely Labor's Non-Partisan League is a product of the CIO and as such played an important political part in the last election campaign, and as such may grow into the most powerful political force ever known in the labor movement."

Martin summed up the ultimate CIO goal as "economic and social security for every worker in America."

Unions in Calif. Agriculture

CHOWCHILLA, Madera County—Organized by Agricultural Union 20,221 of Stockton, the Chowchilla and vicinity Agricultural Union 20,657 received its charter here on May 12. Three organizers from the Stockton agricultural local and from the Warehousemen were present at a mass meeting here to greet the new union.

The Stockton Agricultural Union reports field workers near Hollister are ready to organize. The union is sending Brother Warren Brown to Brentwood and Riverbank to organize.

Citrus Pickers Seek Higher Pay

LEMON GROVE, San Diego County—Members of the Union of Laborers and Field Workers of San Diego County, local fruit pickers have demanded 35 cents an hour straight for nine hours' work, or 25 cents an hour and a higher box bonus. Present scale is $2.25 a day and 2c a box bonus.

Manager McIntire has threatened a union busting campaign.

The workers say they can hardly make $2 a day at the present scale. Because of dampness in the early morning, picking is delayed until 9 or 10 a. m., cutting earning time to five or six hours.

Cherry Pickers' Union Growing

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Santa Clara County—Started as a branch of Stockton Agricultural Union 20,221, the new agricultural union of cherry pickers held its second meeting here recently with more workers signing up and enthusnasm growing.

The union decided to stand on its own feet and applied to the AFL executive council for a charter.

J. J. Anderson, secretary of the Santa Clara County Central Labor Council, was the main speaker.

An agreement is being prepared to be submitted to growers in the area, covering rates for picking, pruning, spraying, irrigation, tractor and truck driving.

How the East Bay Gets Subs

Ala. County Plan Brings Results in 'Western' Drive

May 20th, 1937.
Oakland, Calif.

Dear Comrades:

Enclosed please find five copies of challenges issued by our County Drive Committee and approved by all the County functionaries at the last meeting to each of the four counties, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Contra Costa and Santa Barbara.

Obviously we have found a workable method to obtain Western Worker subscriptions, since we are over our quota on a week-to-week percentage and appear to be the only county in the state to do so.

Defeat Us if You Can

In the interest of the Party and our official organ, the Western Worker, we feel that every county in the state and every party member should know of our method and apply it whenever possible. Champions in the Communist Party are different than any other "champ." They prefer to be challanged and surpassed by other party comrades, or units, sections or counties.

With our guide on "how to do it," we issue sincere wishes to you comrades to defeat our county in the Circulation Drive.

Our first proposal to you is that you have active Circulation Drive Managers in each party unit, section and county who recognizes as we all do that the Western Worker is our only day to day political guide and political contact with our leading state comrades. We must get this same enthusiasm down to every member in our party. We have three methods of doing this.

In Constant Touch

The drive committee keeps in constant touch with each drive director in the units who see to it that the Western Worker drive is a major point on the agenda.

Secondly, we issue weekly bulletins written in an approved popular style that is placed in the hands of every party member and third, and most important, our entire membership is encouraged to read every issue of the paper.

Every known person whom we are aware of who at any time has read or subscribed is contacted for a subscription. Names are given to units in their territory. Unions and affairs are solicited.

Wherever we see a worker with a union button we attempt to talk Western Worker to him or to her.

All our fraternal and mass organization workers have been told about the drive. Workers on our jobs have been contacted. Unfortunately only 15 per cent of our membership have as yet responded to all these methods.

And When All Work!

If but 75 per cent would participate our county could come close to fulfilling the entire state quota. You see comrades that while we anticipate your taking part in the drive, we hope that this challenge will awaken our entire membership.

We cannot help but mention our own champion little Alameda unit continues to lead the state. With eight active members, two at present excused, they have turned in 35 subs. With their quota of 15 already oversubscribed 233 per cent, they pledge to triple their quota and maybe will shoot at the high mark of equalling their entire section quota. Good work Alameda.

They Recruit as Well!

But this is not all for this unit. Already they have recruited six new party members. Two more recruits will be signed up this week and there seems to be an unannounced pledge to triple their membership along with their subs. They say:

"It's a little slower recruiting party members than it is Western Worker Readers. You see they have to read our paper a couple of weeks before joining our ranks."

Greetings, comrades for a successful drive.

Comradely yours,
Alameda County W.W.
Circulation Drive
Committee.

ALAMEDA COUNTY RESOLUTION ON W. W. DRIVE

May 16, 1937.

In the face of our present, almost phenomenal growth of progressive and revolutionary forces, the tasks of our Party members become ever more numerous and more important. In the face of this growth, the development of our political understanding is of paramount importance.

One method, and the only permanent semi-weekly mass contact with all our members, is the Western Worker, with its political guidance in its editorials and political columns and the Party position on all the problems facing our Party in trade union and mass work. We must recognize the W. W. as our guide in our day to day struggles.

We, therefore, comrades, propose the following resolution:

First: Every Party member a Western Worker subscriber before May 29th.

Second: Every Party member secure a minimum of one non-party subscriber.

Third: Every Party member sign a pledge to enter the contest in our attempt to get five or more yearly subscribers to our press.

Fourth: Comrades issue and accept challenges to get a definite number of subs or some special challenge of their own choice.

Fifth: All units, branches and sections issue challenges and accept any challenges that we feel we can meet.

Sixth: Our county challenges all other counties in the State, first, to be the first county to fulfill our quota; second, to have the highest percentage of over-subscription; third, to have the highest percentage of comrades turn in five or more yearly subs. On the basis of these challenges we specifically send special challenges to San Francisco, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, and Contra Costa Counties.

ALAMEDA COUNTY WESTERN, DAILY, AND SUNDAY WORKER CIRCULATION DRIVE COMMITTEE.